



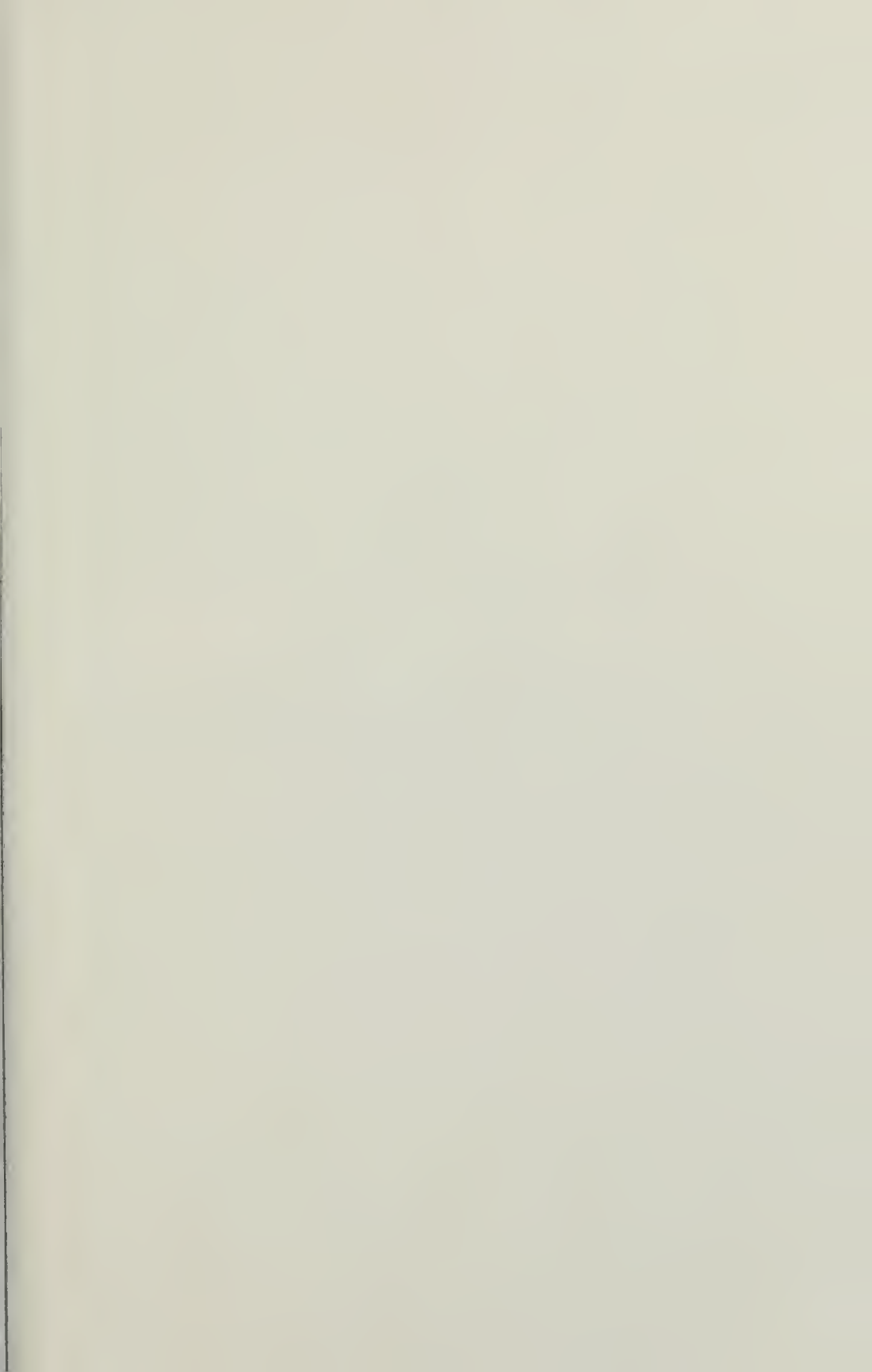


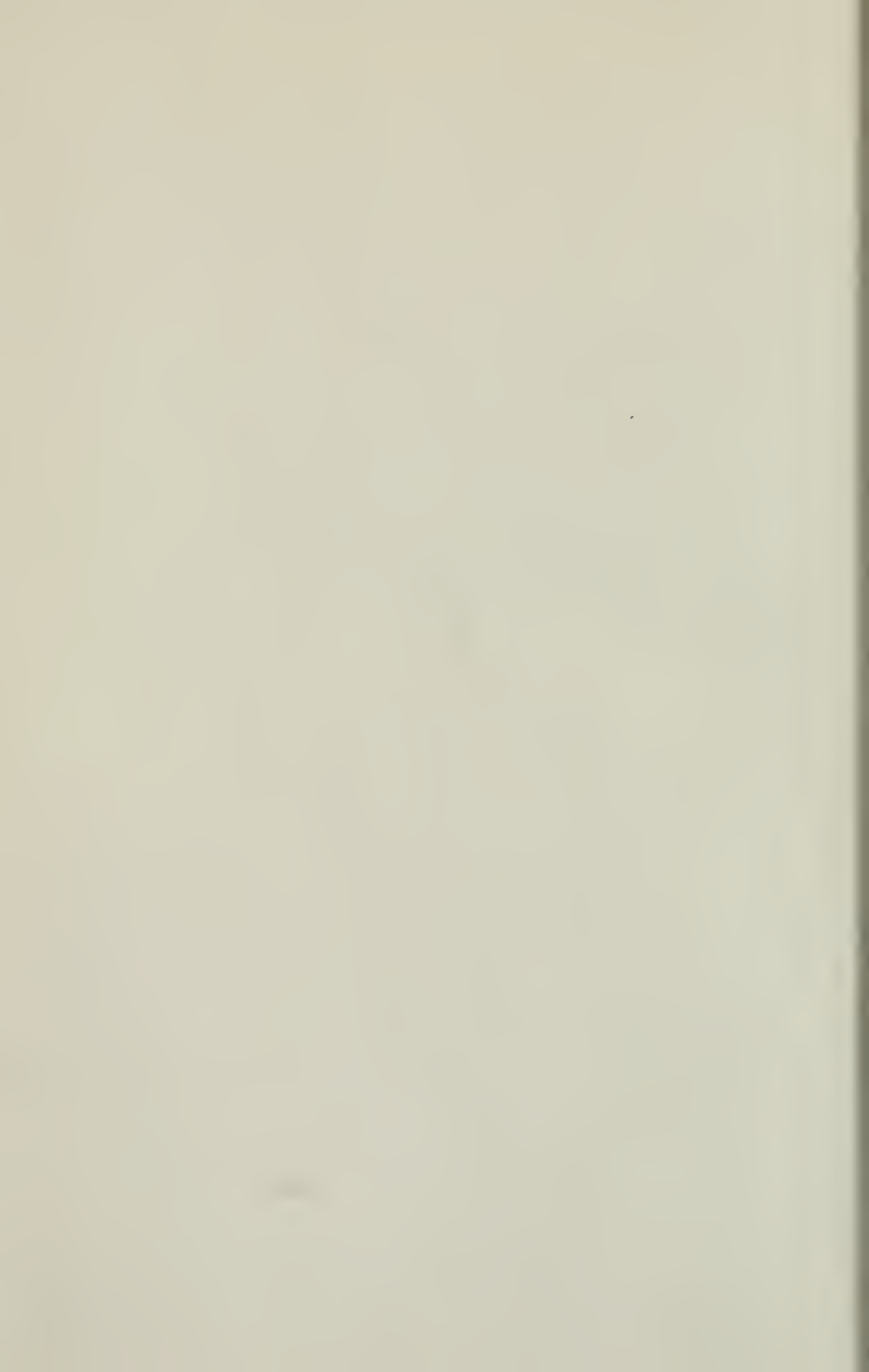
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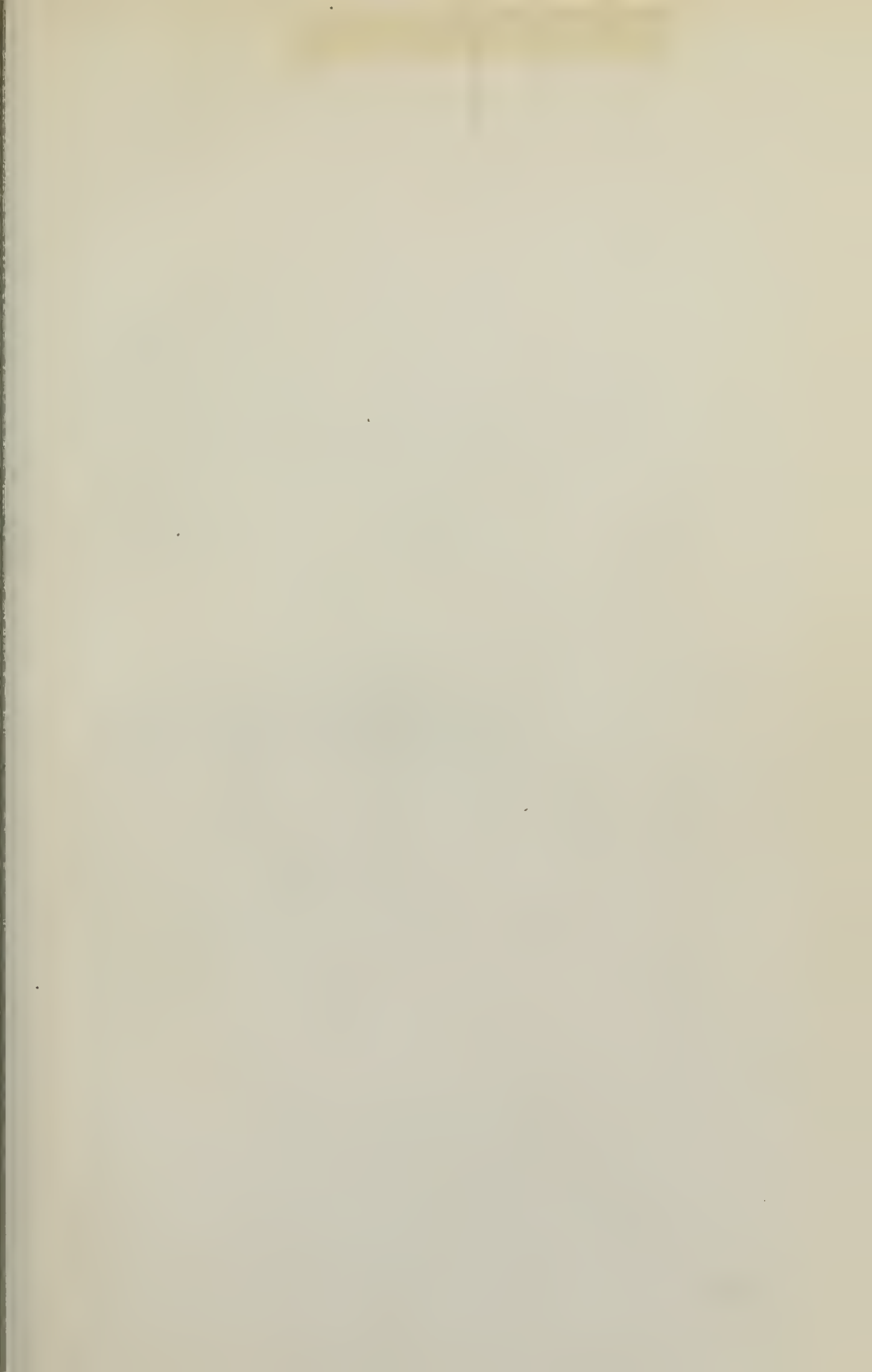


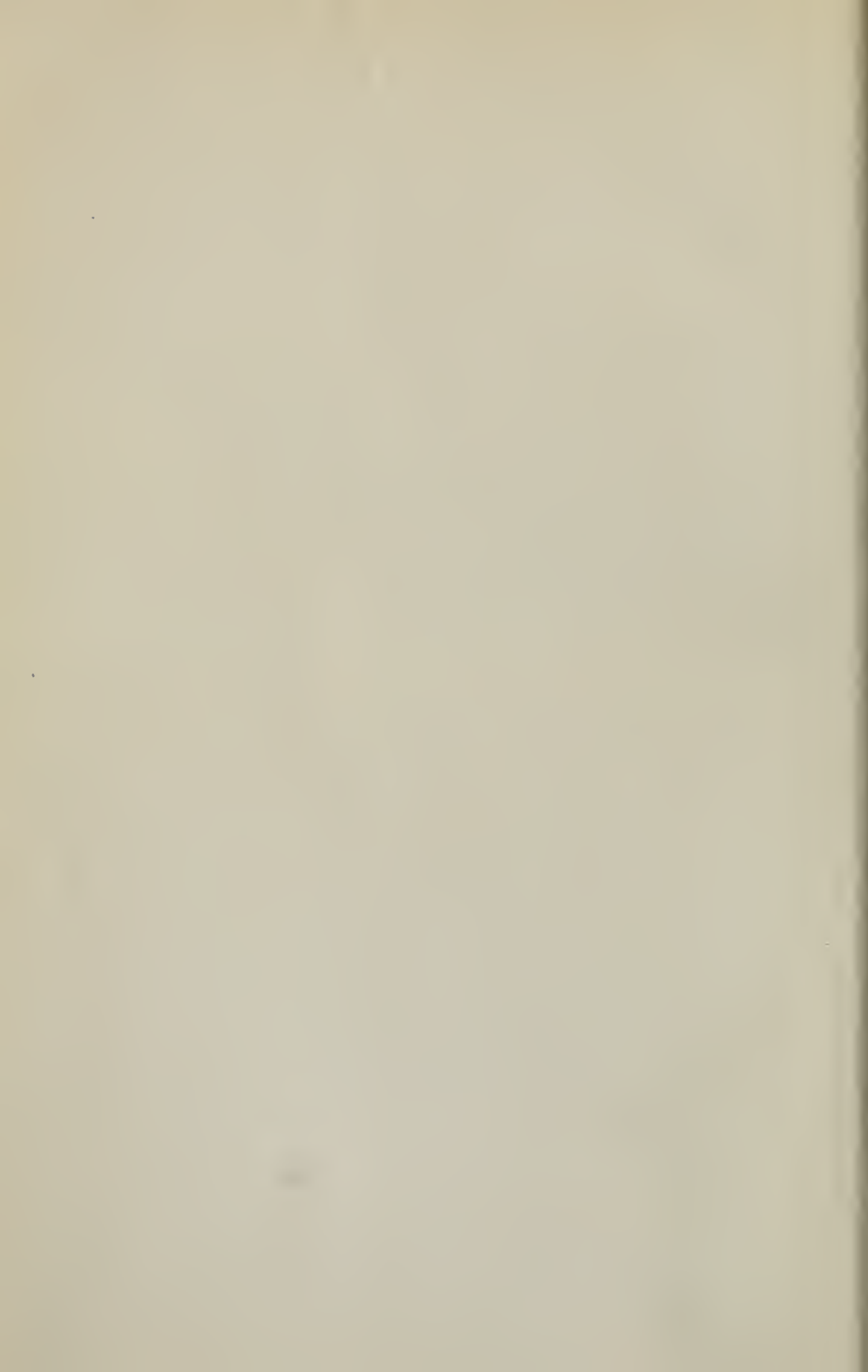


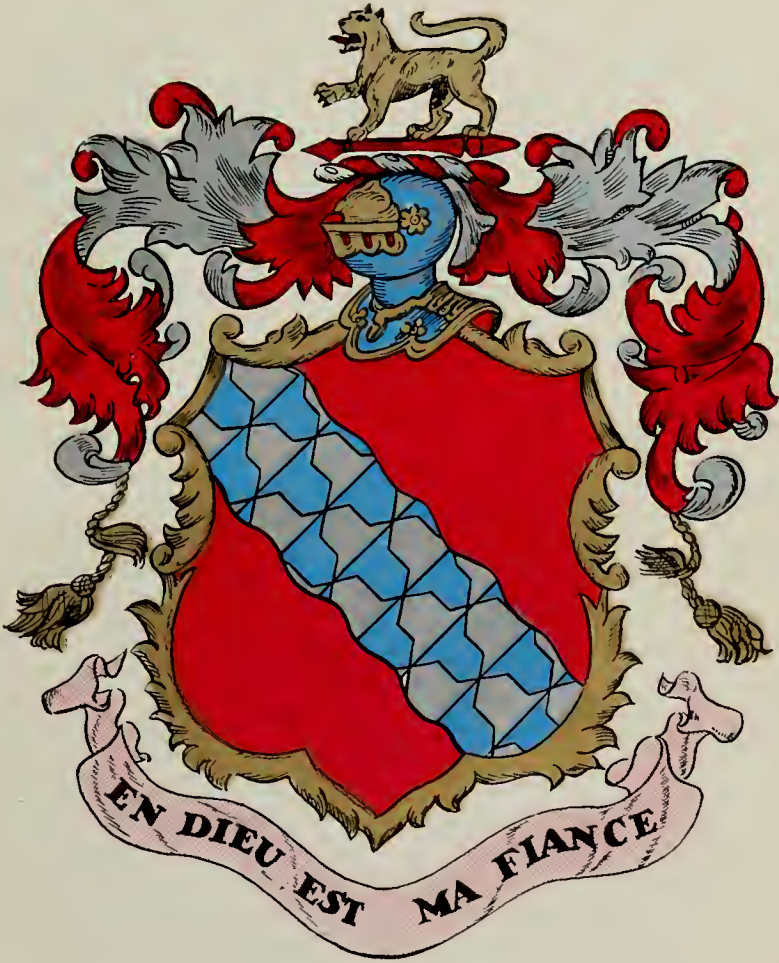












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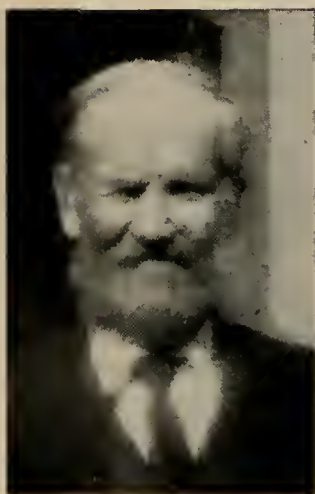


THOMAS CROWTHER

Born in Easthope, England, 1797,  
died March 3, 1871, buried at  
Bridge North, England.



THOMAS CROWTHER



RICHARD CROWTHER



GEORGE CROWTHER

## PREFACE

About the year 1850 a number of Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints went to England. Those that went to Shropshire made many converts. Among them were three brothers and a cousin, Thomas, Francis, Richard and George Crowther. All four emigrated to the U. S. of America. The sole purpose for making their home with the Saints of God (commonly called Mormons). Francis came in 1852 and died on the plains on his way to Utah. Thomas came in 1855, Richard in 1864 and George in 1857. These two brothers and cousin chose Fountain Green, Sanpete County, Utah, as the place to make their permanent home, where they lived and reared their families, for thirty years. Then Thomas moved to the San Luis Valley, Colorado where he and his family helped to make settlements. Richard moved his families to Southern Utah and later moved to Logan, Utah, with one family where he died. George remained at Fountain Green until his death.

To keep a record of these three families is the purpose of publishing this book with a desire of connecting their Genealogy with the Crowthers that are in England and also many of that name who came to America.

This task of family historian has been assigned to Wm. O. Crowther who has been laboring along this line for thirty years. At the reunion of the Thomas Crowther family held in Sanford, Colo., July 26, 1941, it was agreed by this assembly to have this record published. Wm. O. Crowther was appointed chairman with Lewis R. Anderson of Manti, Utah, and Arthur F. Crowther of Salt Lake City, Utah, as aids to see that this work was accomplished. I want to thank these two men for their support and

loyalty to this cause, and all members of the family who have rendered aid in this undertaking. Especially do I want to thank Mrs. Leah Kirby for her untiring help. May it prove a blessing and help to future generations yet unborn and all members of this great family to "KNOW YOUR KINFOLKS."

WILLIAM O. CROWTHER,  
Manassa, Colorado.



Fountain Green, Mt. Nebo in Distance

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Fountain Green, Utah, 1942

**Part One**

**Thomas Crowther Family**





## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF THOMAS CROWTHER

**T**HOMAS CROWTHER was born on the 12, March 1823, at a place called Easthope, Shropshire, England. "My father's name was Thomas Crowther, he was born in 1797, and he died March 3, 1871, and was buried in the cemetery at Bridge North, Shropshire, England. My mother's maiden name was Ann Preece. She was born 9, Oct., 1800. She died 27, Aug., 1846, was buried at a place called Stanton, Shropshire, England. When I was nine years old my parents sent me to school for about twelve months. After that my father having a large family, put me to work as soon as I was able. By this time I was able to read in the Testament without much difficulty. But I never made a letter or figure at school. What I know about writing or the value of figures I have picked up myself and that after a hard days work. At eleven years of age I hired out to an old gentleman by the name of John Bradley at a place called Ditton Friars. I stayed with him for two years and four months, and worked on his farm. He was a good man as far as he had light and knowledge; he was a strict Methodist and taught me good moral principles that had a lasting impression on my mind in after years. He would have me go to Sunday School every Sunday morning and meeting twice during the day, which I thought at that time was very irksome. But I have thought since it was all for my good. When I left him I hired to a man by the name of Edward Hughes, at a place called Kinsley, near Bridge North. I stayed with him two years, but did not get that religious training as I did of my former master. For he was a worldly man." I continued to hire out until I was twenty-two years of age, and notwithstanding the religious training that I

had received in my youth it did not seem to have that impression on my mind as it does on some people; that is I could not reconcile myself in regard to what God required me to do to be saved.

"I went from one sect to another but I still felt an aken void. I seemed to be hunting something that none of the religious sects had got. About this time I was twenty-two years of age when I quit farmer's service and went into Staffordshire and worked at blast furnaces, that is manufacturing of iron. I continued to work at this business the remainder of the time I stayed in England. When about 26 years of age I married a young woman by the name of Sarah Thompson. About the time that we got married I went and paid a visit to my mother-in-law. When for the first time my eyes beheld the Book of Mormon. This was about 1849. There happened to be a Mormon Elder at my mother-in-law's, by the name of Thomas Shelly, he presented me with a copy of the Book of Mormon which I took home with me and read it through, and truly I thought I had found the pearl of great price. My father- and mother-in-law had already been baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and had two of their children healed in a miraculous manner. They were both healed by the power of God, which caused quite a stir in that neighborhood. Several joined the church there about this time, and as I stated I read the Book of Mormon through and was very much interested in the little light that I had gained through reading that precious record. It caused me to long for more. I was not long in hunting up the place where the Latter-day Saints held their meetings, and the first or second time I went to see them, one elder spoke in Tongues and another interpreted the Tongue. The substance of it was, that

branch should grow and prosper and many should be added to the church. I shall never forget the sensation that came over me at that time, for I was satisfied that these men spoke by the power of God. I saw that prophecy fulfilled to the very letter. In the next three months there were forty-four added to that branch, myself and wife included among them. We were baptized Oct. 13th, 1850, into the Tipton Branch of the Birmingham Conference, by Elder George Hill, president of that branch. Was ordained to the office of priest, December 26, 1851 by Elder John Weston. Later ordained an elder by William George, 13 May, 1853.

About this time I met with a bad accident. I hurt one of my shoulders so bad I could not lift my arm up. I had faith in the power of God and his ordinances. I went to meeting at night and took with me some oil and requested the elders to anoint my shoulder with the oil and pray to the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ to heal me, which they did and I was healed from that very moment, and went to my work the next morning to the astonishment of all my fellow workmen. Although my shoulder was black and blue and discolored for weeks afterward, but not to hurt me in the least. This was the first time I had the power of God manifest upon my own body. Previous to my hearing the Gospel I had one of my legs broken which caused me to be helpless for three months. This was about two months after I was married. During this time I read and reflected a great deal. I prayed earnestly for the Lord to guide me in the right path. I realize that it was through this circumstance that led me to investigate and embrace the Gospel. Quite a number of years have passed since then. I am writing from memory at this late date, thinking it would be of

interest to my children after I am gone. What I write is the truth.

“In 1853, three years after joining the Church, myself and wife agreed to save out of my wages ten shillings a week, equal to \$2.50, as we had a great desire to gather with the Church in America. We carried out our plan for six months, then by selling our furniture we had enough to pay our way to Saint Louis, Missouri, U. S. A. We had one little girl named Mary Ann, three and a half years old. We lost one little boy who lived twelve weeks, named Francis. It was the counsel for all Latter-day Saints who could pay their way to St. Louis, Missouri, to do so, for they could get an outfit there to cross the plains easier than they could in England. On November 13th, 1854, we embarked on a ship, the Clara Wheeler, a sailing vessel, bound for New Orleans, Louisiana, with 420 Saints on board. We were almost wrecked on the Irish channel for a day and night, was towed back into the river Mercy, Liverpool, and had to wait two weeks for favorable winds. President of the Mission, Franklin D. Richards came to our ship and told us if we would fast and pray, and keep the commandments of God we should have favorable winds and a prosperous journey across the ocean. This we did and the next day the wind turned in our favor and we started again. In five weeks we landed in New Orleans safe in fulfillment of Apostle Richards' promise. That was January 1st, 1855. I was taken very sick when about two weeks out at sea and continued so till we got to fresh water. Many doubted my recovery, but I told them I should live to get to the land of Zion. I recovered fast when we got to fresh water. Our fare was paid only to New Orleans. I was weak from my illness, our money reduced to ten shillings.



While contemplating our condition I could see no other way only for us to stop at New Orleans and try and get work and earn money sufficient to take us to St. Louis, Mo., a distance of 1200 miles. While leaning over the side of the vessel, a man came behind me and put his hand on my shoulder and asked me about my circumstances. When I told him, he reached out and gave me 40 shillings, just the amount required to take us to St. Louis, Mo. This man was almost an entire stranger, I had seen him on the vessel but do not remember ever speaking to him before. He gave me the money without my asking him. He told me I could pay him back when I got able. Which I did with the first money I got.

A steamboat was chartered to take us up the Mississippi River immediately and we landed at St. Louis, January 10th, 1855. The next day I met a former acquaintance, one Richard Jewkes who had preceded me from the Tipton Branch. He came and took me, my wife and child to his abode, five miles distant; a place called the Gravois. We stayed with him as long as we remained in that part. I dug coal and made some money. The 4th of March, 1855, my wife gave birth to a boy baby that was dead when he was born. Two days after, she died, and was buried at a place called the County Farm. This was sad indeed, leaving me and the little girl to make our way to Zion.

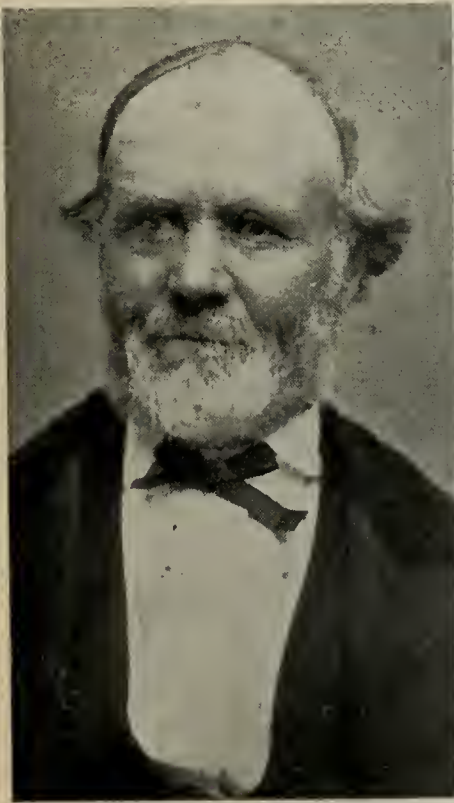
Early in April we started on our way to cross the plains, a distance of twelve hundred miles. I trusted in the Lord to open the way. I met a young man, a carpenter, who was in about the same condition as myself. We decided to build us a hand cart and try and make our way with one of the Ox team companies. Just at this time a messenger from a Texas Company who had started across the plains, had gone

seventy-five miles, when the Cholera broke out and several of the men died from its effect. He was looking for teamsters, volunteers to go and drive the teams. Myself and six others accepted the proposition to drive four yoke of steers to each wagon loaded with merchandise on consideration we got our board and what little baggage we had and the little girl taken along. We started out for the company with a team of horses, and in two days reached them. Edward Stevensen was sent to take charge of the train. He was a native of Gibraltar, a very fine man. Out of the seven of us that volunteered, not one of us had ever put a yoke on an ox before and they were all wild Texas cattle. You can imagine we had a picnic. But we soon got so we could manage them like old teamsters.

"We left Mormon Grove June 13th, 1855, and arrived in Salt Lake City, Sept. 13th, 1855. Me and the little girl would sleep under the wagon at night. In the day time, she would ride in the wagon just ahead of me so I could keep her in sight. We traveled late one night in order to reach water. As soon as we stopped for camp, at a place called Laramie, Wyoming, I unyoked my cattle and got them to feed. I returned and assisted in getting supper, then went as usual for my little girl, but she was missing. I roused the camp. No one had seen her since we stopped for camp. A diligent search was made but of no avail. I imagined all kinds of scenes of death. Indians getting her, wandering away to perish, and be eaten by wolves, etc. I shall never forget the feeling that came to me, though now it is thirty years or more. I cannot refrain from tears as that experience comes to my mind. Most of the camp gave up the search in vain. I could not settle or content myself, but still wandered about, when finally I found

her fast asleep in some tall grass a short distance away  
You may imagine my joy in finding her.

“We had to keep diligent watch all the way across the plains. At Sweet Water a false alarm of an Indian raid gave us quite a scare. But in all our journey we were wonderfully blessed. At this place my wife that is dead visited me, put her arms round my neck, told



Thomas Crowther



Jane Jewkes

me of many things I have seen come to pass since that time. She looked so beautiful. When I asked her of how it was in the sphere where she moved, she signified she was not at liberty to tell. I knew she was dead, and where she was buried. At this point I was aroused by the false alarm.

"On arriving at Salt Lake City, I walked immediately to Pleasant Grove, forty miles south, and visited my wife's parents, who had emigrated three years previous. I stayed there and worked until the October conference, which I attended. After that I went with Elder John Weston, former president of the branch that I came from in England.

"I left Mary Ann with her grandparents and went with this John Weston to Cedar City, Iron county, Utah. He had been requested to find two men who understood the manufacturing of iron. Another man by the name of Thomas Gower went with us, where we found a mountain of iron ore, at which place we worked for two or three years. But the company trying to develop this industry did not have money enough to carry on the work. For that reason it failed.

"On the 25th of November, 1855, I met a young widow by the name of Jane Jewkes, a former acquaintance in the Tipton branch. I offered my hand in marriage to her and was accepted. We were married by the president of the stake, Isaac C. Haight. My wife had emigrated the same year. We had fairly good clothes, but nothing toward housekeeping—no money—in a country where even the necessities of life were scarce. The grasshoppers had destroyed the crops, and food was not in the country. The Lord's hand was manifest in our behalf. During the famine, mushrooms grew just outside the city. People would go every morning and gather them and with a spoonful of flour to thicken them or make gravy. We relished them and they sustained life until another harvest. Another item of food was the honey dew that fell upon the willows. People would gather the willows, wash them in tubs, then boil the water and make it into a syrup, which was very



delicious. They gathered barrels of it. This was at a time when sugar or molasses could not be gotten in the country. I have never seen it since like it came at that time.

"I will now mention a manifestation I had in answer to prayer. In the spring of 1857, a man by the name of Whittier told me I could use his oxen to plow my lot if I would bring them from the range—telling me where I would find them. I started out early the next morning in search of them, and walked fast until noon without success. I began to get faint and weary, when I turned to one side into a cedar grove. There I knelt down and asked the Lord in sincerity to make known to me where the cattle were. I had not been on my knees more than two minutes when a voice said to me—they are up in Coal canyon. This was not said in a loud voice, but in a pleasant whisper that filled my heart with a certainty that they were there. I arose and went with a light heart about one and a half miles distant. There I found the cattle lying down, chewing their cuds.

"I mention this circumstance to show that the Lord does hear and answer prayers when we are humble and sincere.

"Since then I have witnessed a similar manifestation a number of times. In the winter of 1858 I decided I would move away from Cedar City and go to Beaver, where I could take up land. That was a new place and plenty of land and water, a distance fifty-two miles north. In the fall of 1858, I went to Beaver, took up a lot and went to work building me a house, preparatory to moving my family. I got my house under way when I was impressed to go home—but for what reason I did not know. It was sadly against my will, for I wanted

to complete my house. I had a presentiment that I was need at home. We had no means of communication—mail only once a month, so there was no way of sending or receiving a message. Next morning about nine o'clock I started for home, with a yoke of cattle and a wagon. I traveled thirty miles that day and camped at a place called Paragonah or Red Creek. I turned my cattle out and got my supper and went to bed but could not sleep. Something seemed to urge me to get up and go on, but I reasoned with myself like this: the cattle are tired and I cannot possibly go on tonight. But the impression grew stronger, so I got up, got my cattle hitched to the wagon and started, traveling all night, arriving home at eight o'clock a.m. I had traveled fifty-two miles in twenty-three hours.

"I found my wife very sick. The neighbors did not think she could live. At the time when the impression came to me to get up and go on the evening before, they thought she was dead. When I found her in this condition, I understood why I was so impressed to go home. I mention this to show that we have guardian Angels, and that they do oft times manifest things that we should do, and also warning us against many dangers, if we would give heed to the whisperings of the still, small voice.

"In the spring of 1859 I moved my family to Beaver, but not finding farming land to suit me, I, with about thirty others, went to Lower Beaver, a distance of twenty five miles down the river. There we took up land and started a new settlement, raised one crop, when the Indians got on the war path. We were counselled by the Church authorities to move into the older settlements where we could be protected from the attacks of the Indians. So we moved back to Beaver where most of

us had houses and lots that we had left the spring previous. Some of us concluded we would try Sanpete county, so in the spring of 1860, we sold our house and lot in Beaver and moved to Ephraim City, Sanpete Co. There we lived twelve months. Not being able to take up land to suit me, we decided to move again. So in the spring of 1861, I moved my family to Fountain Green in the northern part of the same county. This place was just beginning to be settled.

“By this time we had four children, two boys and two girls. We got along very well, with plenty of hard work incident to a new settlement, until 1865, when I was stricken down with rheumatism, and was for two or three months as helpless as a little child. In fact, I could not move myself in bed without help. For twelve months I was unable to do a day’s work. During that time I had five doctors that prescribed different remedies, but none of them seemed to do me any good. I had been administered to a number of times by the Elders, but without any material benefit. When I had been sick about ten months, I was suffering very excruciating pain, and I prayed to God to let me pass away or heal me—when a voice said to me, ‘I can heal you but there is an ordinance in my house.’ This is all it said, but I understood exactly what it meant; so the next Sunday I sent for quite a number of the Elders to come and administer to me, which they did. I told them this time to exercise faith, for I said I knew that I was going to be healed. I knew for a certainty by the voice that had spoken to me. From that very hour I began to get better, but it took some time to gather strength so that I could work. For I was brought very low. But I do know that I was healed by the power of God.

“In writing this short sketch I have only mentioned

a few incidents of this kind that I received in answer to prayer, that I have seen made manifest in behalf of others. In the fall of 1873, myself and ten others were called to go down to St. George to spend the winter working on the temple. I was appointed captain. And about the 10th of November, we started, and we had a very rough journey. We were caught in a very severe blizzard. Some got their ears and some their feet



Thomas Crowther Home, Fountain Green, Utah

frozen. We finally reached St. George, spent the winter employed on the temple, enjoyed ourselves and the work. President Brigham Young and George A. Smith spent the winter there.

"We were released sometime in March, 1874. We returned home feeling well over our labors. We resided at Fountain Green where five more children were



born unto us, four girls and one boy. Seven of our children had moved to Colorado. On the 14th of December, 1887, myself and wife went to Colorado, in the San Luis valley, south central part, to visit our children. Spent the Christmas holidays with them, enjoyed our visit and returned home safe and well on January 26, 1888.

"On the 21st of May of the same year we attended the dedication of the Manti Temple; where we witnessed the power of God made manifest to a wonderful degree. Some heard Heavenly music, some saw a halo of light around the speakers. August 31, 1889, I was called to hold the office of an High Priest, was ordained under the hands of Canute Peterson, Henry Beal and John B. Maiben, presidency of the Sanpete Stake at Ephraim, Utah. President Peterson being mouth. In March, 1890, we sold our home and farm in Fountain Green and moved to Sanford, Conejos county, Colorado, arriving there on March 26, 1890. We built us a new home, a small brick house, and were very comfortable and contented. All our children married, and had comfortable homes. At a conference held in Manassa on February 15th and 16th, 1896, I was called to hold the office of Patriarch in the San Luis Stake of Zion. Was set apart by Heber J. Grant and John Henry Smith, the latter being mouth." *(Written in his own hand to here. Balance written by William O. Crowther, third son and only survivor of the family living)*

"He worked faithfully in this calling as long as he lived. Gave many blessings and enjoyed the spirit of the work. On May 2, 1896, his faithful wife died. She held many responsible positions during her life. Was an officer in the Stake Relief Society at the time of her death. Was a faithful Latter-day Saint, a true wife and devoted mother. This left father lonely and downcast.

He stayed alone for some time. Finally we persuaded him to move into the west room of our home in the fall of 1896. He could be to himself, give blessings to God's children. But he ate his meals with us at our table. Our children would contend for a turn to bring his cushion and tell him when the meal was ready. He read a great deal and would keep us posted on the news of the hour at our meals, which was like turning on the radio nowadays.

"It was a source of joy and comfort to have him with us. His knowledge and experience was worth much to us. It was like drawing from a fountain to quench our thirst. He could always give us the right answer and solve our problems.

"He made a trip to Manti, Utah, and stayed a short time with his oldest daughter and her family—the little girl that was lost on the plains. This visit was enjoyed and appreciated—after which he returned, spending nearly all of his time giving blessings and keeping the record of them. On October 2, 1898, he died at the home of William O. Crowther. He was buried by the side of his loving wife in the Sanford cemetery."

**THE FAMILY THEME SONG**  
**(Tune: Old Spinning Wheel)**

Turn back the years of my childhood, as you turn  
    old spinning wheel,  
Just show me a lane with a bare foot boy  
As shadows softly steal.  
There's an old family tree in old England  
Whose branches ran over the sea,  
Their home now is here in these mountains.  
They are true to this land of the free.  
Sometimes I think that I can hear them in their old home,  
Softly, sweetly singing some old melody,  
There's an old family tree in old England,  
Let us all per-pet-u-ate their mem-o-ry.



Thomas Crowther, Family

## OLD MEMORIES OF EARLY DAYS AT FOUNTAIN GREEN

Thomas Crowther was an ardent and loyal supporter of Brigham Young—also his local bishopric. Whatever was proposed and supported by them went with Thomas Crowther.

An old song called the Alphabetical Song of Fountain Green, was written by a young upstart poet, Harmon Curtis. From A to Z, it portrayed the happenings of the town, and mentioned some of the principal ones who took part in the events. Among them were the names of some of the Crowthers at the time. Among them were these items: "J for John Holman who got on a bust and shot at George Crowther with a handful of dust." Another: "E for Ed Draper, He's fond of his sweeters, and F for Frank Crowther, He goes to Hans Peters." The loyalty of Thomas Crowther brought this one out: "T for Tom Crowther, He's got the good notion, He's always on hand to second the motion."

Thomas Crowther never got over his English brogue. He would put the h's in and leave them out when they should be there.

On a number of occasions when some one of the rough necks of the family would get unruly, Father Crowther had to be sent for. I remember when he appeared on the scene, all quieted down, but a light murmur from someone brought forth these words: "I'll wale ya if your as big as a ouse." He was master of every occasion.

He was quite a hand to joke. Quite often Uncle George or someone else would call just as the family was seated at the table for a meal. Father would inquire in a joking way: "Well, George, ave ya been to



supper?" If he answered no, father would bluntly say: "Well, we are a ed of ya," and pass on to some other subject. If he answered yes, father would say, "Well, you are a ed of us."

He surely had the love and respect of all honest and truth-loving people that knew him and his wife also.

He that lives best, lives twice,

In life, in deeds, in memory; that's thrice.

W. O. C.

## GENEALOGY OF THE CROWTHER FAMILY

BEGINNING WITH SIMON CROWTHER, BORN ABOUT  
1606 A. D., EASTHOPE, SHROPSHIRE, ENGLAND

Simon Crowther b. about 1606, m. about 1630 Catherine  
-----, bur. 17 Aug., 1676, b. about 1606, Easthope,  
Shropshire, England, bur. 4 May, 1645, Easthope, Shropshire,  
England.

Three children.

- 1 George Crowther, b. 29 Mar., 1632, Easthope, Shropshire,  
Eng. bur. 29 Jan., 1702.
- 2 Edward Crowther b. 23 Feb., 1633, Easthope, Shropshire,  
England, m. Mary Wykes 28 Mar., 1690, Easthope, Shrop-  
shire, England, bur. 6 Jan., 1727, Easthope, Shropshire, Eng-  
land. She was bur. 1 Nov., 1732 or 1727, Easthope, Shrop-  
shire, England. Four children.
- 3 Joan Crowther b. 21 Feb., 1640, Easthope, Shropshire, Eng-  
land.
- 1 John Crowther, chr. 30 Jan., 1691, Easthope, Shropshire,  
England, bur. 11 June., 1691.
- 2 Edward Crowther, chr. 30 May, 1695, Easthope, Shropshire,  
England, bur. 31 Jan., 1696.
- 3 John Crowther, chr. 28 May, 1696, Easthope, Shropshire,  
England, m. twice. First wife Mrs. Esther ----- Sec-  
ond wife, Mrs. Mary ----- He was bur. 7 Mar., 1776,  
Easthope, Shropshire, England. Two children.

- 4 Edward Crowther b. 1 Sept., 1698, Easthope, Shropshire, England, bur. 1 Nov., 1729.
- 1 John Crowther, chr. 5 April, 1728, Easthope, Shropshire, England, m. 2 Dec., 1756, Mary Pemberton, Easthope, Shropshire, England. Chr. 26 Sept., 1731, d. 3 Nov., 1792, Easthope, England. He was bur. 30 Apr., 1801. Seven children born to this union.
- 2 Esther Crowther, Chr. 26 Sept., 1731, Easthope, Shropshire, England, d. bur. 30 April, 1801.
- 1 William Crowther, chr. 15 Aug., 1757, Easthope, England.
- 2 Esther Crowther, chr. 23 Feb., 1759, Easthope, Eng. Twin.
- 3 Mary Crowther, chr. 23 Feb., 1759, Easthope, Eng. Twin.
- 4 Edward Crowther, chr. 2 July, 1762, Easthope, England.
- 5 Thomas Crowther, chr. 9 April, 1765, Easthope, England. m. .... Five children.
- 6 Francis Crowther, chr. 29 Aug. 1768, Easthope, England.
- 7 Sarah Crowther, chr. 4 Nov., 1770, Easthope, England.
- 1 Thomas Crowther b. 1797, Easthope, England, m. 1820, d. 3 Mar., 1871, bur. Bridge North, England. Ann Preece b. 9 Oct., 1800, d. 27 Aug., 1846., bur. at Stanton, Shropshire, England. Nine children.
- 2 Maria Crowther, b. 1798, Easthope, Shropshire, England, d. 15 Jan., 1869.
- 3 Sarah Crowther, b. 1802, Easthope, Shropshire, England.
- 4 James Crowther, b. 1805, Easthope, Shropshire, England.
- 5 Elizabeth Crowther, b. 1812, Easthope, Shropshire, England.
- 1-1 Mary Crowther, b. 1821, Shropshire, England, d. 1847, Shropshire, England.
- 1-2 Thomas Crowther, b. 12 Mar., 1823, m. 1849, Sarah Thompson. This is one of the persons from whose descendants compose part one of this volume and whose generation is the starting of the figures used to designate the generation from him.
- 1-3 Francis Crowther, b. 1825, Shropshire, England, d. on the plains emigrating to Utah, U. S. A., 1852.
- 1-4 Ann Crowther, b. 7 Nov., 1829, m. Joseph Pearmain ..... 1849. He d. 15 June, 1885, England. Eleven children were born to them. She d. 16 Jan., 1879, bur. Birmingham, Eng.

- 2-1 William Pearmain, b. May 6, 1850. Emigrated to U. S. A. Fountain Green, Utah, about 1882, m. 25 Oct., 1885, Sara Ann Gould (Williams), widow with family of children. New immigrant from England, daughter of Benjamin Gould and Esther Price, b. Jan. 4, 1847, d. 7 Dec., 1926 at Fountain Green, Utah. Three children were born to them. He d. 24 Mar., 1941, Fountain Green.
- 2-2 Mary Pearmain, b. Aug. 2, 1851, England.
- 2-3 Eliza Pearmain, b. Oct. 31, 1853, England.
- 2-4 Annye Pearmain, b. 11 Feb., 1855, England.
- 2-5 Richard Pearmain, b. 11 Dec., 1856, England.
- 2-6 Elizabeth Pearmain, b. 16 Sept., 1860, England.
- 2-7 Samuel Pearmain, b. April 16, 1862, England. d. child.
- 2-8 Samuel 2nd Pearmain, b. 16 July, 1863, England.
- 2-9 Benjamin James Pearmain, b. 26 Aug., 1865.
- 2-10 Sarah Eliza, b. 15 Aug., 1867, England.
- 2-11 Martha Pearmain, b. 28 Oct., 1869, England.
- 3-1 William Thomas Pearmain, b. 12 Aug., 1886, d. 26 Oct., 1886, Fountain Green, Utah.
- 2 Richard Alfred Pearmain, b. 18 Oct., 1887, Ftn. Green, Utah, m. 3 Mar., 1915, Hannah Olsen, b. 1 Mar., 1890. Daughter of James Olson and Kjersti Janson, m. in Manti Temple, Utah. Four children born to them. They reside at Fountain Green, Utah.
- 4-1 Arthur Richard Pearmain, b. 23 July, 1916, Ftn. Green, Utah, m. 8 July, 1939, Beth Mower, daughter of Orson Mower and Glen Ames.
- 2 Niels Woodrow Pearmain, b. 20 Dec., 1918, d. 7 May, 1928, Fountain Green, Utah.
- 3 Edna Chassty Pearmain, b. 17 Aug., 1921, Ftn. Green, Utah.
- 4 Sarah Louis Pearmain, b. 24 June, 1925, Fountain Green, Utah.
- 3-3 Florence Pearmain, b. 3 Jan., 1890, Ftn. Green, Utah, m. William B. Coombs, son of William Coombs and Eliza Morgan. Five children born to them.
- 4-1 Evalyn Coombs.
- 2 Ruth Coombs.
- 3 Melba Coombs.
- 4 Dora Coombs.
- 5 Lorna Coombs

- 1-5 Martha Crowther, b. about 1832, Shropshire, England.
- 1-6 Sarah Crowther, b. about 1835, Shropshire, England, d. 1836, a child.
- 1-7 James Crowther, b. 28 Jan., 1837, Shropshire, England, d. 1861, Shropshire, England.
- 1-8 Richard Crowther, b. 1 Oct., 1839, brother to Thomas Crowther, who with his descendants, represents part Two of this volumn. See part Two.
- 1-9 William Crowther, b. about 1842, Shropshire, England, d. 1845.

Thomas Crowther, b. 1797, d. March 3, 1871. Buried in the cemetery at Bridge North, Shropshire, England. m. Ann Preece in 1820. She was born Oct. 9, 1800, d. 27 of August, 1846. Was buried at Stanton, Shropshire, England. There were nine children born to them: Mary Crowther, b. 1821, Shropshire, England, d. 1847. Thomas Crowther, b. March 12, 1823. m. Sarah Thompson, 1849. Sarah d. March 6, 1855. Buried St. Louis, Missouri. Second wife born April 2, 1832. Daughter of William Jewkes and Jane Woodward. Children born of Thomas and Sarah: Mary Ann, b. May 7, 1851, in Staffordshire, Eng. m. Lewis Anderson. Children born to Jane Jewkes, second wife: Sarah Jane Crowther, b. October 19, 1856, at Cedar City, Utah. m. Charles H. Johnson, d. October 22, 1919 at Sanford, Colorado. Thomas Alma Crowther, b. 29 of March, 1858, at Cedar City, Utah. m. Mary Peterson, d. June 19, 1933. James Franklin Crowther was b. September 17, 1860, in Ephraim, Utah. m. Mary Olson, d. October 6, 1930. Emmaline Melissa Crowther b. June 25, 1862 in Fountain Green, Utah, m. William H. Kirby, d. October 15, 1917. Laura Maria, b. March 25, 1864, in Fountain Green, Utah, m. George D. Morgan, d. April 19, 1938. William Orson Crowther, b. October 27, 1866, m. Mary C. Mortensen. Annie Rozella Crowther was b. December 4, 1870, m. Holm A. Mortensen, d. May 6, 1912. Vilate May Crowther was b. May 1, 1872, m. James C. Jensen, d. March 9, 1902. Nellie Crowther was b. July 18, 1875, m. Lars H. Mortensen, d. August 10, 1896.

# Children of Thomas Crowther

MARY ANN CROWTHER ANDERSON

2-1. Mary Ann b., 7th May, 1851, in Tipton, Shropshire, England, m. Lewis Anderson in Salt Lake Endowment House Nov. 14, 1870, d. Dec. 2, 1934.

When three and one-half years old, Mary Ann, with her parents, embarked on a sailing vessel, called the "Clara Wheeler," bound for the United States of America. After sailing about six weeks, the Crowthers landed in New Orleans, and started toward Zion. On reaching St. Louis, Mo., they remained for the winter. The following spring, a son was born to the Crowthers, but the infant died. Two days later the mother also died, and Mary Ann was motherless.

Shortly after the death of wife and son, Thomas Crowther volunteered to drive a team of four yoke of cattle in a train of merchandise across the plains for a Texas company, with the provision that he could take with him his luggage and his four-year-old daughter, Mary Ann. She related in her declining years how she would roll herself up in a blanket and sleep under the wagon at night, when they were crossing the plains.



Father and daughter arrived in Salt Lake City, Sept. 13, 1855. Mary Ann was taken to Pleasant Grove to stay with her grandmother, and her father went to Cedar City to work in the iron works.

Thomas Crowther married Jane Jewkes, in Nov., 1855. After three years at the iron works at Cedar City, and two years farming at Beaver, Utah, he moved to Sanpete county. He lived at Ephraim one year and then moved to Fountain Green.

In the spring of 1861, when fifteen years old, Mary Ann journeyed to Nephi, riding on a load of lumber, where she hired out to a prominent family of that city. While there she received a patriarchal blessing, a copy of which she never received, as the patriarch's home burned to the ground and all the records were destroyed. But one promise the patriarch made her, which she remembered distinctly, was that she would be an ordinance worker in the Temple of the Lord. She told the lady who employed her about this part of her blessing, and said she did not know how it could be fulfilled. (There were no temples at that time). Her compensation for one summer's work was a pair of shoes and a calico dress. Returning to Fountain Green, she obtained employment at a hotel kept by Bishop Robert Johnson, where she worked for three years.

Mary Ann and Lewis were married in the Endowment House, in Salt Lake City, Nov. 14, 1870. Bishop Robert Johnson accompanied them on their wedding trip, which took two weeks, with a covered wagon and a team of mules. The newly-weds settled in Fountain Green. Mary Ann, adept at housekeeping, polished up the few available tin cans and arranged them on the

shelves of her cupboard, that it might appear filled. At Fountain Green, the two oldest sons, Lewis Robert and Thomas Jefferson were born.



Mary Ann Crowther Anderson

Lewis was then called on a mission. Mary Ann was left with thirty dollars, taxes to pay, and no income. She had, however, two cows from which she sold butter



Lewis Anderson



and milk. She "took in" sewing and supplied the local store with overalls and jumpers. Thus she was able to support herself, her children, and a befriended young immigrant boy, Hans C. Hanson Bogh, recently arrived from Denmark, whom she treated as her own.

Within a few years, Lewis was called on his second mission. Mary Ann was left with four children to care for. She received some help from her relatives and the good Bishop and by taking in boarders was again able to support her family. Times were hard, but the Lord blessed her efforts in the great responsibility that was placed upon her.

Her later years were some of her best years. Lewis was called to labor as a recorder in the Manti Temple, just after it was dedicated in 1888. The family then moved to Manti where her sixth child, a son, was born May 17, 1890. Mary Ann was set apart as an ordinance worker in the Temple forty-six years after her patriarchal blessing, wherein she was told and promised she would be an ordinance worker. This position she held for ten years. She was then called to be matron and for seventeen years presided over sisters working in the Temple. Her record was twenty-seven years of service in the Temple of the Lord. Her activity in the Church, outside of Temple services, was mainly in the Relief Society, in which she was a diligent supporter and worker. She had a good voice and sang in the choir.

She was a true friend of the poor and her charitable deeds will ever be known. Many emigrants enroute from the "old country" made their beds on her floors—made no difference if they were free from or infested with lice—some she fed and clothed. In her home many

of the general Church authorities were entertained, who appreciated her highly.

Mary Ann Crowther Anderson was loved and respected by all who knew her. Outspoken and uncompromising against wrong doing, yet she had a kind disposition and fine personality. She had blue eyes, brown hair, about 5 feet 2 inches tall, and weighed about 100 pounds, balanced by a large sense of humor. Mother of six children, three boys and three girls. One son and one daughter preceded her in death. She passed away December 2, 1934, at the age of eighty-three years, seven months and five days.

Lewis Anderson, son of Anders (Andrew) Anderson and Anna Olsen, b. Oct. 24, 1850, Hickeberg, Malmo, Sweden. Because of persecution, the family was forced to flee to Denmark. Leaving his wife, Anna, with four sons—Christian, Swain, Andrew, and the subject of this sketch, Lewis, Andrew Anderson, November 29, 1855, sailed for the United States. Enroute, the ship caught fire and was burned to the water's edge. The crew and passengers took to the boats and after much suffering, were rescued by another sailing vessel which brought them to New York City. They arrived February 28, 1856.

Anna remained in Copenhagen and made a living for the family as best she could, principally with her needle. She had learned to sew in her father's tailor shop. In the spring of 1857, she received money for her passage to America and the first word from her husband since he sailed away for the New World. In the meantime, the oldest boy, Christian, had died, and the father knew nothing of it until he met his wife and three sons at Philadelphia, June 24, 1857.

The family lived at Burlington, Iowa, about two



Lewis and Mary Ann Growther Anderson, Taken in Front of Anderson Home on the  
40th Wedding Anniversary



years. In May, 1859, with one yoke of oxen and a wooden-axle wagon, Andrew Anderson and family left for the trek across the plains, arriving in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 28, 1859. Lewis, though only nine years of age, walked the entire distance from the Missouri river to Utah.

The Anderson's first located on Little Cottonwood, Salt Lake county, and later moved to Payson. Late in the fall of 1859, they were among the pioneer settlers at Moroni, Sanpete county. Like most of the pioneers, the Andersons arrived in Utah with very little of this world's goods. It is related that there were no dishes in the family cupboard. Food in a large wooden bowl was placed on the table, and all ate from the "serve all" with home-made wooden spoons. In 1866, they moved to Fountain Green, where they resided until 1877, when Lewis responded to a call to aid in the construction of the Manti Temple.

In 1884, he returned to Fountain Green, where he resided until 1888, when again he was asked by the Church to move to Manti to resume Temple work. He lived in Manti until his death.

When a boy, while working for a man in Moroni, Lewis was driving a team hitched to a load of wood. The wagon had poor brakes, and while coming down the hill, the load crowded the horses, breaking the lines which caused a runaway, and tipped the load of wood on top of him. His leg was broken in two places, arm and collar bone broken and he was generally mashed up. He went through life with one leg two inches shorter than the other. This accident probably had a great deal to do with the future of Lewis Anderson. His father thought Lewis would never be able to do hard, manual labor, and "set about" to educate

him for mental work of some kind. He was sent to Springville, where he received about three months' training in business and accounting, under a man by the name of Lyman Wood. This was the only formal training he ever had. But he was a student, and sought knowledge out of the best available books, though they were few in number. Much of his studying was done at night by the light of the fire in the open fireplace.

Lewis was one of the first telegraph operators in the State, then called Territory. This came about from the building of the Deseret Telegraph line. He wrote a very legible hand which accomplishment brought places of trust. (There were no typewriters then). He wrote with his own hand the first laws and ordinances of the Town of Fountain Green. Three copies were required to be posted in as many public places.

He loved to fish and hunt. In his youth one of the duties required of him was to furnish the meat for the family table. This he did from the abundant fish and game then existing. He was a good boatman and an expert swimmer. He loved the companionship of his children, and they loved to be with him.

During the Indian wars, Lewis shared the hardships of guarding the cattle against the Indian depredations, and converting the desert and wilderness into a habitable country. He was a Black Hawk war veteran.

Lewis Anderson was a man of unfaltering faith and devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Whenever a call came he was ready. He was a confidant and trusted man of Apostle Orson Hyde, and held continually important Church positions. He was a teacher and superintendent of Sunday Schools, a Ward and Stake officer in the Mutuals; and a Home Missionary. He filled two missions in the states of Wisconsin, Min-

nesota and Illinois. He was Stake Tithing Clerk, Recorder in the Manti Temple, President of the South Sanpete Stake for 19 years; Assistant President and President of the Manti Temple, which latter position he held at the time of his death. He died a Patriarch.

In civil life he was active in many capacities. Delegate to a Constitutional Convention seeking statehood in territorial days; school trustee, and a member of the Manti city council, a justice of the peace, and city recorder in Fountain Green. He was prominent in movements that created employment, education and progress; one of the pioneer merchants and a successful business man. He successfully managed the Central Utah Wool Company which handled millions of pounds of wool. With his sons, L. R. and T. J. and R. E. Lee Kenner, he engaged in the sheep and cattle business, and organized the Manti Live Stock Co., owners of one of the largest registered Hereford cattle herds in the West. He was interested in the furniture and hardware business in Manti and Fountain Green. He sold to Sanford Holman the first "self-binder" brought to Fountain Green. He was a director of various enterprises, and president of the Manti City Savings Bank. In politics he was a Republican.

Lewis Anderson was about 5 feet 7 inches tall, slight of build, weight about 130 pounds, until later years when he fleshed up. Kindly blue eyes and brown hair. Firm and determined in his convictions and very methodical in his work. His advice was sought by many. His word was as good as his bond. His motto in life "honest luck" is recorded on the fly leaf of many of his early books. He died in his 84th year, Oct. 13, 1933. Some incidents in his life are worth recording:

While president of the South Sanpete Stake, he

travelled 28,609 miles on Church business, held 1,784 meetings aside from his regular meetings, and spoke at 1,112 meetings. Attended 188 funerals and spoke at same. Married 18 couples in civil capacity and performed the marriage ceremony uniting 4,449 couples in the Temple. During his time he married over 5,000 couples.

He labored at the Temple sawmill, in Canal Creek canyon, above Spring City, assisting there in sawing lumber for the Manti Temple. With Bishop Amasa Tucker he selected every stick of native timber for that building.

Falsely accused, by a man, of forging his signature on a note for a sewing machine, Lewis was tried in the District Court for forgery. On acquittal he was asked to swear out a complaint against his accuser for perjury. He answered that his accuser would have plenty of trouble without being sent to jail.

In his young days, he bought cattle, and carried the money with which to make the purchases, in his saddle bags. There were no banks in those days.

On one occasion, while loading a muzzle-loading shotgun from a flask of powder, with a charger on the end, the whole thing exploded in his hand. He was knocked down and a gold ring on his finger disappeared, but otherwise, he found himself none the worse off for the accident. His was a charmed life.

He drove his own car up to the time of his death. Shortly before that time, he made a trip to Salt Lake alone. On being asked how he got along, he replied that no one passed him on the road.

He was handy with the gun and rod, and loved a day, a week, or a month at Fish Lake, as long as he



lived. He would get out at daybreak until the last, and enjoy "taking them" with the fly or trolling with a spinner or plug.

Mary Ann was ever his sweetheart. She was as much devoted to him as he was to her. Theirs was an ideal marriage and home. One time while she was being photographed he was poking fun at her and laughing, trying to get her to smile. Secretly conniving with the photographer to "take him" she turned the tables and later surprised him with the gift of one of the best laughing pictures ever taken.

### CHILDREN OF LEWIS ANDERSON AND MARY ANN CROWTHER

3-1—Lewis Robert b. March 26th, 1872, Fountain Green, Utah. m. Clara Maria Munk Dec. 11, 1895, Manti, daughter of Peter Mekkel Munk and Eunice Ann Brown, b. Sept. 4, 1873, Manti, Utah, 5 feet 2 inches, weight 120, brown hair and eyes. She taught school before her marriage. Active in Ward and Stake Relief Society, Sunday School and other Church work; served as local president of Daughters of Utah Pioneers. L. R. received common school education and inherited the family weakness for outdoor life, hunting and fishing. Five feet, eight inches, weight 140, blue eyes, brown hair. Associated with father and brother, T. J., and R. E. L. Kenner in livestock ranching—registered Hereford cattle and Rambouillet sheep. Represented large Boston wool concerns as buyer, vice president Manti City Bank, director in various business enterprises and active in development of Sanpete county. Republican in politics, mayor Manti City three terms, member Legislature and speaker of the House, regent University of Utah, mem-

ber state land board, member State Board of Sheep Commissioners, and held many other offices of public trust. Served over 15 years as president of South Sanpete Stake, succeeding his father, 16 years superintendent of Stake Y. M. M. I. A., Southern States Mission two years, serving as counselor to President Ben E. Rich 20 months,



Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Anderson

president Board of Directors Snow College, president 48th Quorum of Seventy, Silver Beaver Award Boy Scouts of America, active in Church work wherever called. Residence, Manti, Utah, where seven children were born.

3-1—Lucile Anderson, b. Oct. 9, 1896. m. June 30, 1920, Manti Temple, Clark Keller, son of Frederick

Conrad Keller and Ethel Theresa Clark, b. May 15, 1899, Manti, Utah, where they reside and their four children were born. Lucile attended the Utah Agricultural College. Clark is a member of the city council and is engaged in business.

4-1 Robert Clark Keller, b. May 4, 1921. He is serving with 25th Field Artillery in Hawaiian Islands and South Pacific.

4-2 Frederick Conrad Keller, b. Nov. 12, 1922.

4-3 Daniel Clark Keller, b. July 18, 1925.

4-4 Eunice Ann Keller, b. Aug. 22, 1936.

3-2—Robert Clair Anderson, b. Jan. 8, 1902, m. May, 25, 1927, Manti Temple, Rachel Holbrook, daughter of Lafayette Hinckley Holbrook and Alsina E. Brimhall, b. Dec. 6, 1903, Raymond, Alberta, Canada. Both attended Brigham Young University. She taught school, was primary grade supervisor, and a state vice-president of the Parent-Teacher association. He filled mission to Northern States, served as county chairman of the American Red Cross, and is engaged in business. Reside at Manti, five children.

4-1 Reed Holbrook Anderson, b. May 2, 1928, Manti, Utah, d. May 8, 1928, bur. Manti.

4-2 Lafayette Robert Anderson, b. March 19, 1929, Provo, Utah.

4-3 Jane Anderson, b. June 5, 1930, Provo, Utah.

4-4 Ruth Anderson, b. March 31, 1932, Provo, Utah.

4-5 William Elliott Anderson, b. March 27, 1935, Provo, Utah.

3-4—Eunice Anderson, b. March 13, 1904, m. June 30, 1937, in Manti Temple to Waldo Elmer Garbe, son of Ferdinand Garbe and Hedwig Martha Liebig, b. April 1, Manti, Utah. Eunice is a graduate of McCune School of Music, graduate of Snow College, and studied at B. Y. U. and the University of Southern California. Active in public affairs and church work, she filled a mission in California. They reside at Manti, one child.

4-1 Clara Garbe, b. May, 1938, Manti, Utah.

3-4—Lewis Glen Anderson, b. Dec. 1, 1906, m. Oct. 15, 1931, in Manti Temple, Bernice Braithwaite, daughter of George Riley Braithwaite and Minnie Ahlstrom, b. August 27, 1906, Manti, Utah. Both are graduates of Snow College. He served four years in National Guard and filled a Mission to the Eastern States. In poultry and hatchery business. Active in Church work. Reside at Manti, where their four children were born:

4-1 George Lewis Anderson, b. August 1, 1932.

4-2 Richard Glen Anderson, b. April 20, 1935.

4-3 Thomas Elliott Anderson, b. May 18, 1938.

4-4 Norma Anderson, b. Jan. 21, 1940. (still born).

3-5—Elliott Munk Anderson, b. June 1, 1909. Graduate Snow College. Star athlete. Member National Guard three years.

3-6—Eva Anderson, b. August 9, 1912, d. August 9, 1912.

3-7—Mary Anderson, b. Nov. 7, 1914, B. S. graduate B. Y. U., major English. Mission East Central States.

3-2—Thomas Jefferson Anderson, b. April 4, 1874, Fountain Green, Utah. Moved to Manti with father's family, 1889. m. Eliza Westenskow, daughter of Dortha Madsen and Peter Westenskow in the Manti Temple Jan. 19, 1898. She was 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weight 150 pounds, brown hair and eyes. Talented in music. Died Nov. 16, 1899. Daughter, Geniel, b. Dec. 16, 1898, d. Nov. 19, 1899. m. Esther Tennant March 30, 1904, daughter of Alice Cox and Charles Tennant, of Manti. b. Jan. 28, 1883, 5 ft. 4 inches, weight 150 lbs., brown hair and eyes. She was a dressmaker before and after marriage. Active in Y. L. M. I. A., served as counselor and president of Ward Relief Society. Daughter Maud and foster daughter, Mona Ray. T. J. was a small man in stature, 5 feet, 5 inches, weight 130 pounds, blue eyes



and brown hair. Associated with father and brother, L. R., and R. E. L. Kenner in ranching—registered Hereford cattle and Rambouillet sheep—concern known as Manti Live Stock Co. Ranches consisted of 16,000 acres. T. J. was a merchant of furniture and hardware, starting in 1898, and had interest in various business enterprises along with father and brother. Served as city councilman of Manti City two terms. Republican in politics. Active in Church work. Served as counselor and 11 years as president of the Ward Y.M.M.I.A. Ward clerk Manti Center ward, eighteen and one-half years.

3-2—Maud Anderson, b. 13, Feb., 1905. Graduate Snow College and B. Y. U., B.S. degree. Graduate work U. of U., U. A. C. and Oregon State College. Instructor Home Economics Manti high school.

3-3—Mona Ray, born St. George, Utah, June 5th, 1929.

3-3—Etta Anderson Poulson, b. 18 August, 1880. Manti, Utah. During her girlhood activity in auxiliary organizations of the Church as Sunday School teacher, member Manti Tabernacle choir. m. Peter A. Poulson 6 Jan., 1904 in the Manti Temple by Pres. John D. T. McAllister. He was the son of Soren Christian Poulson and Nicoline Peterson, b. 8 March, 1873, Aalborg, Denmark. Active in various Church capacities. Stake Clerk for many years and present (1941) Chief Recorder of Manti Temple. Printer and Publisher *Manti Messenger* for years. Etta passed away 25 April, 1915, and burial took place 29 April, 1915, in the Manti cemetery. They had five children, all born at Manti.

4-1—Alton Lewis, b. 9 Nov., 1904. m. Gladys Mable Christine Nielson, 27 Dec., 1928, who was the daughter of James Franklin Nielson and Josephine Rosa-

mond Johanson. She was b. 18 March, 1908, Ephraim, Utah. He is a mechanic. Four children.

5-1 Donald Glen, b. 26 Nov., 1929, Ogden, Utah.

5-2 Ralph Alton, b. 2 March, 1932, Ogden, Utah.

5-3 Franklin, b. 12 Dec., 1935, Ephraim, Utah.

5-4 Rodney, b. 12 April, 1940, Ephraim, Utah.

4-2—Wells Peter b. 30 Dec., 1906, m. Ruth Harris 8 March, 1930, daughter of Bernice Rawkins Harris and Martha Ann Fogg. She was born 29 May, 1904, Salem, Idaho. He is an electrician. One child.

5-1 Peter b. 26 Feb., 1935, Salt Lake City, Utah.

4-3—Everett Crowther, b. 28 June, 1909, m. Edythe Marian Allison, 19 Sept., 1933, adopted daughter of Carl Allison and Edythe Wilson. She was b. 1 June, 1913, Ogden, Utah. He is an electrician. One child.

5-1 Petricia Ann b. May 5, 1930, Ogden, Utah.

4-4—Mary, b. 20 July, 1911, m. Adolphus Bent Peterson in the Manti Temple, 2 April, 1931, by President Lewis Anderson, her grandfather. He was born 22 July, 1908, Greeley, Colorado, son of Mons and Annie Peterson. He is recorder in Manti Temple.

4-5—Mark, b. April 25, 1915, d. 25 April, 1915, and was buried with the mother.

Peter Andrew Poulson m. Agnes Peterson, 31 May, 1919, in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. She was b. 16 April, 1884, Manti, Utah, daughter of Andrew O. Peterson and Anne Christianson. Their children, all born in Manti, are:

Mark Andrew, b. 19 Aug., 1920.

Bethel, b. 22 March, 1922.

Ruth, b. 3 Nov., 1924.

She reared the seven children to maturity and has



been active in Church work all her days. Ordinance worker Manti Temple.

3-4—Sarah Jane Anderson, b. 14th Jan., 1883, Ftn. Green, Sanpete county, Utah. Her church work has been in Primary and Relief Society organizations. Seven years Recorder in Manti Temple. The past two years she has been an ordinance worker in the Manti Temple. m. Erastus Westenskow, b. 17th Dec., 1880, at Manti, Sanpete county, Utah. Son of Peter and Dortha Madson, Westenskow, who came from Denmark, and were early settlers in Manti. He operates a business comprising of sheepmen's supplies and coal, has been active all his life in Church affairs, Ward and Stake. He spent two years as a Missionary for the L. D. S. Church in the Northern States Mission, in 1907-08. Children:

4-1—Lewis Alden Westenskow, b. 23 March, 1914, Manti, Utah. m. 22 July, 1938, Romatess Coons, daughter of G. W. and Anna Larson Coons, in the Manti Temple by Robert D. Young. He filled a mission for the L. D. S. Church in Denmark from Sept., 1934, to May, 1937. At the present time he is attending school at the Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute, at Glendale (Los Angeles), California.

4-2—Howard Wayne Westenskow, b. 1 March, 1916, Manti, Utah, d. 9 Oct., 1929.

4-3—Jean Westenskow, b. 15 July, 1918, Manti, Utah, d. 16 Sept., 1921.

4-4—Wells Clyde Westenskow, b. 19 July, 1924, Manti, Utah. Sr. at the Manti high school.

3-5—Mary Mabel Anderson, daughter of Lewis Anderson and Mary Ann Crowther, was b. March 3, 1887, at Ftn. Green, Utah. Came to Manti with parents in 1888. Lived in Manti since that time. Received education in Manti public schools. Has held positions in all

of the organizations of the Church in the Manti North Ward. m. George B. Taylor, son of Joseph J. and Ma-linda Barton and a grandson of President John Taylor, third President of the L. D. S. Church. Married at the Manti Temple by Lewis Anderson, Dec. 22, 1909. George Taylor died in Denver, Colorado, while serving as a missionary in Western States Mission, for the church, Nov. 14, 1912. They had one child, a daughter.

4-1—Bessie Taylor, b. March 11, 1911, at Manti, Utah. Graduate of Manti high school and Brigham Young University at Provo. m. Robert Knight Allen, son of Robert Eugene Allen and Inez Knight, March 12, 1934, in the Manti Temple by Joseph E. Anderson. They spent the first four years of their married life in Paris, France, where he was employed by the U. S. Government in the U. S. Embassy. Are now living in New York City where he is in the employ of the government. He filled three years mission to Germany. They have one son.

5-1—Robert Eugene Allen II, b. August 8, 1939, at Provo, Utah.

3-5—Mary Mabel Anderson Taylor, daughter of Lewis Anderson and Mary Ann Crowther, m. Elmer Bert Simmons, son of Alphonzo Bert Simmons and Sarah Jane Starkey. Elmer was b. and lived in Ucon, Idaho, until his m. Sept. 1, 1915, in the Manti Temple by Lewis Anderson, when he moved to Manti, and has resided there since that time. He filled a mission to the Western States in 1911-12-13. He is employed as a salesman for the Anderson Dyreng Furniture and Hardware Co. where he has worked for twenty-six years. Has held Church positions in both Stake and Ward, and at present is Counselor to Bishop Charles G. Braithwaite in Manti

North Ward. Children of Elmer Bert Simmons and Mary Mabel Anderson Taylor:

4-1—Elbert Rulon Simmons, b. October 1, 1916. Graduate of Manti high school and U. S. A. C. at Logan, Utah. Filled a mission to the New England States in 1937-38. m. Vivian Olsen of Ephraim, Utah, daughter of Daniel K. and Dora Matilda Perry, in Salt Lake Temple, Oct. 4, 1940, by Stephen L. Chipman. Vivian is graduate of U. S. A. C. Elbert taught grade-junior high school at Clifton, Idaho, in 1941-42. Both are active in church work.

4-2—Hazel Simmons, b. May 6, 1918, graduate of Manti high school, has attended Snow College and the Brigham Young University. Has worked as a stenographer in New York and Provo. m. Lt. C. Monroe Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hart of Pocatello, Idaho, July 17, 1942. C. Monroe Hart is a 1941 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

4-3—Paul Alphonzo Simmons, b. May 29, 1920. Graduate of Manti high school, has attended B. Y. U., was employed by the United Air Lines in Alameda, California. Has a pilot's license, was also student at the Boeing School of Aeronautics, Alameda, California. m. Virginia Larson, daughter of Parly L. and Jane Bee Larson, Jan. 5, 1942. Enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps, April, 1942.

4-4—Lucile Simmons, b. Nov. 1, 1923. Is a graduate of Manti high school, at Manti, Utah. Is now working for the Parachute Co. of Utah.

4-5—Don Mathew Simmons, b. March 20, 1926. Is a student at the Manti high school, at Manti, Utah.

4-6—Dora Jane Simmons, b. Feb. 16, 1928. Student at Manti high school.

4-7—Stanley Lewis Simmons, b. May 13, 1930.

Now a student in the Manti junior high school.

4-8—Mary Ann Simmons, b. Nov. 2, 1933. Attends Manti public school, 3rd grade.

3-6—Joseph Franklin Anderson, b. May 17, 1890, d. Sept. 2, 1908. Frank was drowned in a reservoir on the Mountain Ranch, Salina Canyon, Utah. He shot a duck, swimming to retrieve it, was taken with cramps. He was a very promising young man.

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## SKETCH OF SARAH JANE CROWTHER

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In a humble little home in Cedar City, Iron county, Utah, a little girl was born on the 19th day of October, 1856. She was the first child born to Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes, Latter-day Saint parents. Each parent had been married before and each had one living child by a former marriage.

She was given the name of Sarah Jane. Her mother was a deeply religious woman and she taught her daughter to be honest and upright, to seek companions of a high class and to look for good in every one. Under instruction Sarah Jane grew up with fine ideals and a deep respect for culture and morality.

In 1860, the family moved to Ephraim, Sanpete county, Utah, remaining there a year, then moving to Fountain Green, same county, where they made a more permanent home. There Sarah Jane went through the experiences of pioneer life. There were no public schools, nothing but private instruction requiring a fee.

She took an active part in community life, taking part in singing and dramatics. An old memory of those who knew and loved her, was when Uncle Richard Jewkes used to come through the lot, sit down on the porch and call for Sarah Jane to come and sit by him and sing "Maggie Dear." In those days the people of this small town used to meet quite frequently, choose sides and compete in a spelling match. Sarah Jane was considered one of the best, and was seldom spelled down.

These little social gatherings became a wonderful way of education and recreation. They would sing their multiplication table even in their Sunday School. When





Charles H. Johnson, Sarah Jane Crowther, First Four Children



about sixteen years old, Sarah Jane met a young man by the name of Charles Henry Johnson, the son of Bishop Robert L. Johnson and Polly Ann Guymon. This young man was born 30th of May, 1849, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. With his parents came to Utah in 1850. They settled in Springville, Utah county, Utah, where they lived until 1860, when they moved to Fountain Green. They also suffered all the hardships of pioneer life. It has been said that happiness comes to those who go in search of it, for it was at one of the Ward socials that Charles met the lovely Sarah Jane. It was not surprising that the pleasant smile he gave this charming girl was returned.

The friendship of Charles Henry and Sarah Jane ripened into love, and they were married 27 June, 1875. To this union of Aunt Sarah Jane, as she was called, and Uncle Charles Henry Johnson, was born eleven children, six boys and five girls. All except one boy grew to reach the age of maturity.

The young couple made their first home in Fountain Green. It was a small brick house; also a good big barn for the stock. Love is a great miracle worker and within a short time the little brick house was transformed into a comfortable home, where the refining touch of Aunt Sarah Jane's hand was evident. They took a prominent part in the activities of community life in Fountain Green. Quite frequently the Indians were on the war path; Uncle Charles, being a stalwart young man, was called on to do his part in protecting the people against the Indians.

Due to his experience in pioneering, Uncle Charles was called to fill a mission to Arizona. The call consisted of taking his family and moving to the Tonto Basin, which was about one hundred miles northeast

of the Salt River valley. It was at this place President Brigham Young had advised the Saints to establish settlements. Uncle Charles Henry and Aunt Sarah Jane, obedient to the call, set out on this perilous journey. It required courage, strength and resourcefulness for the young couple to drive over rough canyon roads, a four-horse team hitched to a wagon loaded with a few of their household goods, and their four children: Nellie Jane, age eight years; Charles Franklin, age six years; Maud Laurett, age five, and Bessie May, age two years. To set out to find a new home, Uncle Charles did heroically the work of a frontiersman, and it will remain always to his credit.

The weary but happy family arrived at Tonto Basin, and again established their second home and well it was, for within a short time after their arrival, Aunt Sarah Jane gave birth to her fourth daughter, Minnie Frances, on Sept. 19, 1884. As Aunt Sarah Jane and Uncle Charles got acquainted with the people, their kindness and helpfulness won for them the love and confidence of every one in the community. For two years, Uncle Charles helped in every way possible, but owing to the poor health of Aunt Sarah Jane, he was released from this mission in 1886, and they made preparations to go back to Utah. The hardships of the trip were borne by the family with patience and faith. The daughters Nellie and Bessie still remember the trip back from Arizona to Utah, of meeting with the Indians who were thought to be on the war path. As the Indians came into view, their father stopped the wagon, and asked for the old gun, which he drew up along side of him in the spring seat. What moments of suspense for Aunt Sarah Jane and the children, and what a relief, when their father, knowing the traits, saw the Indian women and children

were driving the horses with the men. Uncle Charles called out, put the gun back. There is never any trouble with Indians when they have their women and children along.

At Lee's Ferry, where they crossed the Colorado river, the water was very high, the horses and wagon were taken across on the boat without any mishap. Usually there was a fairly large charge for taking the wagon across, but on this occasion the ferry man refused to take anything from the Johnson family, but made a request that when they arrived in Utah and were able, they should contribute five dollars toward the building of the Manti Temple. Just after the river had been crossed and the family were all on the wagon, the journey continued. The road was so rough, one wheel struck a boulder, throwing Aunt Sarah Jane from the spring seat, breaking her wrist and bruising the baby Minnie that she was holding in her arms. In spite of the broken wrist, the trip was continued, Aunt Sarah Jane doing most of the cooking around the camp fire. The tired family arrived in Fountain Green, September 17, 1886. A baby boy, Robert Ray, was born in October, 1886, but died in infancy, living six weeks.

In spite of having such hard experiences in journeying from Arizona back to Utah, Aunt Sarah Jane and Uncle Charles decided to move to Colorado, where relatives of Aunt Sarah Jane (the Crowther family) were located. They were fortunate in exchanging their home in Arizona with Peter Cheney for a house in Sanford, Colorado. They shipped their stock and belongings by railroad to Myers Junction just north of the San Luis valley. The family came by train to Alamosa, Colorado, arriving in the San Luis valley in the spring of 1887. What a time of rejoicing for Aunt Sarah Jane, to meet

her dear ones, and what a warm welcome the family received from the aunts, uncles and cousins. Before long the Johnson family were settled in their surroundings in Sanford which was to be their permanent home. Sarah Jane's health was much improved, and what an interest the happy family took in the building of the new town. Uncle Charles was a very useful man, serving as a member of the Sanford Town Company, and helping to survey the town and fields surrounding the town. He purchased land and was soon busy planting a crop and garden, shrubbery and trees were also set out.

The capable hands of Aunt Sarah Jane transformed the humble little house into a home where love made every task light. She had many accomplishments, one of which was her love for reading. She would spend the long winter evenings reading good books, not only to her own children, but the neighbors' young folks would gather at her home—they enjoyed to hear her read. She learned when very young to card and spin wool for her own, and her mother's family. They used to have spinning bees, where quite a number of the neighbor girls would bring their spinning wheels and spend the afternoon in helping one another. One of the pleasant memories of one of Aunt Sarah Jane's nephews was when Grandmother Crowther, Aunt Sarah Jane, Aunt Em Kirby, Aunt Laura Morgan, Uncle Will Crowther's wife, Aunt Mary, Aunt May Jensen, Aunt Rozilla Mortensen, Aunt Mary Tomy, Aunt Mary Frank, and Aunt Nellie Mortensen all met quite often at some one of their homes, and have a quilting party and sew carpet rags to make carpets. What happy times for all of the relatives to meet together as one big family.

Three more sons came to bless the Johnson home: Ross, Gilbert, and Edgar. Through the industry and



thrift of the father and mother, they were beginning to enjoy the comforts of life. In the fall of 1894, Uncle Charles received a call to fill a mission to the Southern States. He accepted the call and left in December, 1894. He was assigned to labor in the state of Mississippi. During the father's absence, Aunt Sarah Jane and the older children cared for the home and farm. Love and devotion for the Gospel enabled them to make many sacrifices that their father might continue his mission, and while he was away, the mother gave birth to a son, Renold Crowther Johnson, July, 1895. In May, 1897, Uncle Charles received an honorable release. He had accomplished a splendid work among the good people of Mississippi. Many people received the Gospel, became members of the Church because of his faithful work as a missionary. There was great rejoicing in the Johnson home when their father returned. And although he was released from the missionary labors, he continued to work in the Church, serving as a member of the Stake board of Sunday School of San Luis Stake, as president of the Elders' Quorum and other Ward activities.

Again the Johnson family were made happy by the birth of their eleventh child, a girl, Nina Zateell, 22 May, 1898. The devotion of Aunt Sarah Jane to her family was manifest at all times. She taught her girls to sew, cook and become good homemakers.

Uncle Charles was a lover of sports and was very fleet on foot, taking many prizes at holiday and fair celebrations. This good athletic trait seems to be inherited by his sons. His family were very proud of their father when he would ride a horse and appear as marshal of the day in town celebrations. He was a man of good judgment, would suffer wrong rather than do wrong.



Kind and lovable, he was beloved by all who knew him. At the age of fifty-eight years, he passed to the Great Beyond May 31, 1907, and was buried in the Sanford cemetery. Aunt Sarah Jane lived twelve years after Uncle Charles left her, then she too passed on 22 October, 1919. She was buried beside her husband whom she had loved so well.

The deeds which will be remembered the longest and shine the brightest in the affection of Aunt Sarah Jane's children and those who knew her best will be her devotion to her family and loved ones, and in her quiet way she accomplished a work that will never be forgotten. All of their children were good, loyal citizens of both Church and state.

Charles Franklin, their eldest son, was superintendent of M. I. A. of the Sanford Ward, also took an active part in the educational activities of Sanford. He died 10 Nov., 1915, leaving his wife, Mary Whitney Johnson, and their young son, Frank. She and Frank have carried on the work as leaders in the Mutual Improvement work. Mary also served as counselor to the Relief Society president of the Sanford Ward, and as a Sunday School teacher.

Nellie Jane, the eldest daughter, has taken an active part in the church, serving as a member of the Stake Board of Primary of the San Luis Stake; later as counselor in the Sanford Ward Relief Society; at the present time is holding the position as counselor in the Stake Relief Society of San Luis Stake. Her husband, Jesse C. Hutchins, served as superintendent of the Sunday School for thirteen years; as a member of the High Council of the San Luis Stake for twelve years and is a member of the High Priest's Presidency at the present time. Their son, Donald, filed a mission in Missouri.

Maud Laurett, Aunt Sarah Jane's second daughter, held a position of Secretary of Mutual Improvement Association of Sanford Ward; stake board member of M. I. A., San Luis Stake; was a teacher in the Sanford Ward Sunday School; also took an active part in club work, and was dearly beloved by all who knew her. She passed away 4 January, 1942. Her husband, John B. Reed, served as Bishop of the Sanford Ward several years, later becoming a member of the Stake Presidency. At the present time he is serving as President of the San Luis Stake.

Besse, the third daughter, has labored in the presidency of the Primary and Relief Society organizations of the Richfield Ward, also as teacher of Sunday School and Mutual Improvement Association. Her husband, James N. Shawcroft, filled a mission to the Northern States. Upon his return home he served as counselor of the Bishop of Richfield Ward for twelve years and later as Bishop of the Richfield Ward for four years. Was a member of the High Council and Patriarch of the San Luis Stake.

Minnie, the fourth daughter, also worked as the President of the Primary organization, later served as counselor to the President of the Relief Society of the Richfield Ward, taking an active part in the community affairs. Especially was she a good cook, serving suppers each week for years for the Rotary club of La Jara, Colorado up to the time of her death, 11 Feb. 1938. Her husband, Murrill Shawcroft, assisted his wife in performing her duties. He and their two sons taking part in the social life of the Richfield Ward.

Lymon Ross, the third son of Aunt Sarah Jane, filled positions of High Council member, President of the Stake M. I. A. and as superintendent of the Richfield Sunday

School. His wife, Laura Jones Johnson also held position of President Y. L. M. I. A. and Stake President of San Luis Stake Primary Association. Their son, Perry, filled a mission to the Northern States.

Edgar, the fourth son, with his mother, Aunt Sarah Jane, performed a great work for their dead relatives in the Manti Temple. His first wife, Dottie Dalton Johnson, helped to introduce the Bee Hive work of the Young Ladies' M. I. A. in the San Luis Stake. She lived only a few years after her marriage. After her death, Edgar filled a mission to California. Upon returning home, he married Elgiva Allen, who had filled a mission to California, but their happiness lasted only a short time as he passed away in 1932 at the age of 41 years.

Gilbert, the fifth son, took part in Ward activities of the Sanford and later in the Richfield Ward. He was a good husband, father and friend to all who knew him. He died in 1931 at the age of 38 years, leaving his young wife, Louie Davis Johnson, and five children. She continues to help in the different auxiliary organizations of the Richfield Ward and to encourage their children to do their part in church activities.

Renold Crowther Johnson, the tenth child, served his country in the first World War. Upon returning home, he worked in both Stake and Ward M. I. A., served as a counselor to the Bishop of Sanford Ward for two years. At the present time he is serving his third year as bishop of the Sanford Ward. His first wife, Eva Jones, worked in Ward organizations up to the time of her death. Their son, Jerome, is filling a mission in the Central States. His second wife, Clara Rasmussen Johnson, has worked in both Stake and Ward organizations as president of the Stake Primary San Luis Stake; counselor to the Sanford Ward Primary; and a member of

the Relief Society Stake Board of the San Luis Stake.

Nina, the youngest daughter, has held positions as counselor in the Sanford Ward Primary. Has been a teacher in different auxiliary organizations of the Richfield Ward. Her husband, Roy Coombs, served his country in the first World War. Filled a mission in the Central States, held position as president of the M. I. A. of Richfield Ward. Thus the posterity of Aunt Sarah Jane and Uncle Charles Henry Johnson are carrying on the work begun and upheld by their noble parents.

#### DESCENDANTS OF SARAH JANE CROWTHER JOHNSON

- 2-2 Sarah Jane Crowther, b. 19 Oct., 1856, Celar City, Utah, d. 22 Oct., 1919, bur. at Sanford, Colorado. m. 25 June, 1875 at Fountain Green, Utah, Charles Henry Johnson, son of Bishop Robert L. Johnson and Polly Ann Guymon, d. 31 May, 1907, bur. at Sanford, Colorado. To this union was born 11 children.
- 3-1 Nellie Jane Johnson, b. 22 July, 1876, Fountain Green, Utah, m. Jesse C. Hutchins, son of Nephi Hutchins and Melvina Harp, b. 27 Sept., 1872, Pine Hill, Wisconsin. They reside at Sanford where their 7 children were born.
- 4-1 Maggie Jane Hutchins, b. 14 Sept., 1897, Sanford, Colo., m. 1 Nov., 1916, Willard R. Miller, son of Andrew Miller and Marla Jensen, b. 12 March, 1892. To them were born 5 children.
- 2-1 Voris Jane Miller, b. 21 Dec., 1918, m. 24 Dec., 1936, Darrell Duane Cornum.
- 3-2 Richard Herman Miller, b. 3 April, 1921, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-3 Morris Clair Miller, b. 1 July, 1924, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-4 Enid Marie Miller, b. Sept., -----, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-5 Janice Dee Miller, b. 13 Sept., 1935, Sanford, Colo. Where they now reside.
- 4-1 Sherldeen Cornum, b. 4 Nov., 1937.
- 2 Dennis Duwayne Cornum, b. 15 Jan., 1941.
- 2-2 Leona Grace Hutchins, b. 9 Apr., 1898, Sanford, Colo., m. 10 Mar., 1921, Arias J. Cunningham, b. 6 Aug., 1900, Manassa,



Colo., son of Alma J. Cunningham and Amanda Almarine McKinzie, three children.

- 3-1 La Dona Cunningham, b. 26 Dec., 1921, Manassa, Colo.
- 3-2 Ora Lee Cunningham, b. 12 March, 1925, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-3 Nellie Delene Cunningham, b. 22 Dec., 1931, Sanford, Colo. Where they now reside.
- 2-3 Jesse Donald Hutchins, b. 3 Aug., 1900, Sanford, Colo., m. 21 June, 1922, Richfield, Colo. Grace Shawcroft, b. 24 Sept., 1901, Richfield, Colo., daughter of John W. Shawcroft and Dora Davis. Four children.
- 3-1 Earl Duane Hutchins, b. 23 May, 1923, La Jara, Colo., d. 28 May, 1935.
  - 2 Elma Grace Hutchins, b. 8 Oct., 1926, La Jara, Colo.
  - 3 Ruth Elaine Hutchins, b. 22 Sept., 1930, La Jara, Colo.
  - 4 Helen Joy Hutchins, b. 13 Aug., 1939, La Jara, Colo. Where they now reside.
- 2-4 Leola Melvina Hutchins, b. 23 Aug., 1903, Sanford, Colo., m. Feb. 4, 1926, Bruce Reynolds, b. 12 Oct., 1901, son of Byron S. Reynolds and Emma White. Three children.
- 3-1 Philip Bruce Reynolds, b. 10 Sept., 1927, Sanford, Colo.
  - 2 Eloise Reynolds, b. 20 Sept., 1931, Sanford, Colo.
  - 3 Allen Wayne Reynolds, b. 21 Mar., 1935, Sanford, Colo. Where they now reside.
- 2-5 Bessie Frances Hutchins, b. 4 Aug., 1905, Sanford, Colo., m. 9 June, 1928, Jay Christensen, b. 11 July, 1905, Sanford, Colo., son of Herman K. Christensen and Maud Reynolds, d. Aug. 12, Salt Lake City, Utah, bur. Sanford, Colo. One child.
  - 1 Jay Franklin Christensen, b. 17 Mar., 1932, Salt Lake City, Utah, m. second husband, Cecil William Terrel, b. 22 Dec., 1907, Watonga, Okla., m. 14 Aug., 1935, Alamosa, Colo. One child.
  - 1 Lois Ann Terrel, b. 29 Apr., 1936, Alamosa, Colo. Where they now reside.
- 4-6 Troy J. Hutchins, b. 22 June, 1911, Sanford, Colo., m. June 20, 1936, Winona Schofield, b. 28 Aug., 1916, daughter of Charles Schofield and May Bingham. Two children.
- 5-1 Alice Rey, b. 7 Aug., 1937.
- 5-2 Troy Schofield, b. 20 Apr., 1940.
- 2-7 Luella Hutchins, b. 18 Feb., 1917, Sanford, Colo., m. 3 July, 1935, Elwyn Reynolds, b. 18 Mar., 1914, son of Byron S. Reynolds and Emma White. Two children.



- 1 Jesse Loyd Reynolds, born 8 August, 1937, Sanford, Colorado.
- 2 Dorthy Jean Reynolds, b. 22 Feb., 1941, Sanford, Colo. Where they now reside.
- 2-2 Charles Franklin Johnson, b. 10 April, 1878, Fountain Green, Utah, d. 10 Nov., 1911, m. Dec., 1903, Mary E. Whitney, adopted daughter of Ira B. Whitney and Julia Burton, b. 9 Feb., 1882, Manti, Utah. One child.
- 1 Franklin Richard Johnson, b. 18 May, 1908, Sanford, Colo., m. 1926, Mary Lenington, b. 22 Dec., 1906, Texas. Daughter of Isaac C. Lenington and Ella Austin. Three children.
- 4-1 Franklin Richard, Jr., b. 2 June, 1927, Sanford, Colo.
- 2 Ella Ree Johnson, b. 12, Jan., 1929, Sanford, Colo.
- 3 Nancy Carline Johnson, b. 2, July, 1941, Sanford, Colo.
- 2-3 Maud Laurett Johnson, b. 13 July, 1880, Fountain Green, Utah, m. Dec. 18, 1902, Sanford, Colo., John B. Reed, b. 25 Oct., 1875, Lexington, Tenn., son of John L. Reed and Precilla Adaire. Five children.
- 3-1 Lura L. Reed, b. 17 Dec., 1903, Sanford, Colo., d. 25 Oct., 1927, m. Fred J. Christensen, son of Fred T. Christensen and Maggie Poulson.
- 2 Marvell Reed, b. 15 April, 1905, m. Howard Shawcroft, 17 June, 1925, son of John W. Shawcroft and Dora Davis. Four children.
- 1 John Lynn Shawcroft, b. 6 Feb., 1929, La Jara, Colo.
- 2 Lura Lavon Shawcroft, b. 15 Nov., 1930, La Jara, Colo.
- 3 Dale Reed Shawcroft, b. 15 May, 1933, La Jara, Colo.
- 4 Roy Wayne Shawcroft, b. 17 Aug., 1938, La Jara, Colo. Where they now reside.
- 3 Bertha Jane Reed, b. 3 Mar., 1908, Sanford, Colo., m. 1 Oct., 1933, Albert S. Smith, son of Robert Lee Smith and Minnie Owens, b. Jan. 25, 1911, Chama, N. M.
- 4 Stella Maud Reed, b. 14 Feb., 1910, Sanford, Colo., d. 16 June, 1926.
- 5 Nada Rae Reed, b. 29 Aug., 1916, Sanford, Colo., m. Dec. 24, 1935, James Creson, b. 15 Mar., 1913, son of Marian Creason Ida Rumsey, Monte Vista, Colo. 1 child, Norris Creason, b. 12 Dec., 1939.
- 2 Maud Geneal, b. 16 Dec., 1941.
- 2-4 Bessie Johnson, b. 17 July, 1882, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 26 Feb., 1902, Sanford, Colo., James Nathan Shawcroft, b. 30 Jan., 1879, Funtain Green, Utah, son of John Shawcroft and

Maria Jensen. Eight children were born to them.

3-1 James Reese Shawcroft, b. 5 July, 1905, Richfield, Colo., m. Ada Lorene Rasmussen 19 Mar., 1932, b. 19 Nov., 1908, Sanford, Colo., daughter of Andrew Rasmussen and Martha Brady. Two children.

4-1 Cary Reese Shawcroft, b. 9 June, 1934, La Jara, Colo.

4-2 Terr Andthion Shawcroft, b. 19 Feb., 1937, La Jara, Colo.

3-2 Bessie Inex Shawcroft, b. 31 July, 1908, Richfield, Colo., m. -----, Earl C. Jensen, b. -----, Sanford, Colo., son of James C. Jensen and Elnora Frederiksen. Four children.

1 Bessie Elnora Jensen, b. 22 Dec., 1927, Sanford, Colo.

2 Jerldine Jensen, b. 17 Mar., 1931.

3 Ella Margaret Jensen, b. 27 Nov., 1933, all residing at Sanford, Colo.

3-3 Thelma Dee Shawcroft, b. 20 Mar., 1912, Richfield, Colo., m. 10 Oct., 1937, Clarence Randel Hoyle, b. 26 Sept., 1915, son of Emery Dent Hoyle and Ida May Bailey, reside at La Jara, Colo., R. F. D.

3-4 Maud Shawcroft, b. 10 Dec., 1914, Richfield, Colo., m. 1 Sept., 1937, Joseph Leonard Hartung, b. 23 April, 1915, Junction City, Kan., son of Henry Hartung and Lareta Bailey.

3-5 May Zattel Shawcroft, b. 11 Sept., 1917, Richfield, Colo., m. George A. Wilson 12 Sept., 1936, son of George H. Wilson and Nora Siemoring. One child.

4-1 Ronald Kent Wilson, b. 2 Dec., 1940, La Jara, Colo.

3-6 Lena Shawcroft, b. 31 Dec., 1919, Richfield, Colo., d. 27 April, 1924.

3-7 Bonnie Shawcroft, b. 23 July, 1921, La Jara, Colo., m. Nov. 18, 1940, Ray Dewit Hutchins, b. July 26, 1922, son of Nephi Hutchins and Melvina Harp.

3-8 Cora Parline Shawcroft, b. 17 Aug., 1925, La Jara, Colo.

3-5 Minnie Johnson, b. 19 Sept., 1884, Tonto, Arizona. d. 11 Feb., 1938, m. Sept., 1903, Murel Shawcroft, b. 10 Mar., 1880, Fountain Green, Utah, son of Fred Shawcroft and Polly Ann Guymon. Four children.

4-1 B----- Shawcroft, b. 14 Jan., 1905, Sanford, Colo., d. ----- Jan., 1905.

2 Clinton C. Shawcroft, b. 5 Aug., 1907, La Jara, Colo., m. 19 Sept., 1926, Josephine Torrey, daughter of Clair D. Torrey and Grace Anderson, b. 16 Jan. -----, two children.

5-1 Teddy Shawcroft, b. 4 Nov., 1927, La Jara, Colo.

- 5-2 Wilma Jean Shawcroft, b. 4 Dec., 1930, d. 6 Jan., 1931.
- 4-3 Tennis J. Shawcroft, b. 10 June, 1913, La Jara, Colo., d. \_\_\_\_\_, 1918.
- 4 Jack Shawcroft, b. 5 Jan., 1920, La Jara, Colo., m. June, 1938, Arlin Rasmussen, daughter of Alfonzo Rasmussen and Gertie Holt, b. 27 Mar., 1922.
- 3-6 Robert R. Johnson, b. 17 Dec., 1886, Fountain Green, d. Jan., 1887.
- 3-7 Lymon Ross Johnson, b. 7 April, 1888, Sanford, Colo., m. 5 Sept., 1910, Laura Ann Jones, daughter of Hugh Jones and Artinsie J. Darst. Four children.
- 4-1 Rosco Valore Johnson, b. 7 July, 1911, La Jara, Colo., m. June, 1935, Lucy Lida Mathias, b. 2 May, 1912, Monte Vista, Colo., daughter of Chester Leroy Mathias and Nannella Malsbary. Three children.
- 5-1 Loris Elaine Johnson, b. 16 June, 1936 at Alamosa, Colo.
- 2 Donna Marie Johnson, b. 30 April, 1938, Alamosa, Colo.
- 3 Chester Ross Johnson, b. 8 March, 1940, Del Norte, Colo.
- 4-2 Charles Perry, b. 1 Oct., 1915, Sanford, Colo.
- 3 Gerald J. Johnson, b. 5 July, 1917, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_ Vivian Marvell Fitzhugh, daughter of Gordon Fitzhugh and Mary Briggs. One child.
- 5-1 Carolyn Sue Johnson, b. 25 Feb., 1941, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-4 Laura Marguerite Johnson, b. 14 July, 1922, La Jara, Colo., m., \_\_\_\_\_, Dwain D. Spencer, son \_\_\_\_\_, b. 25 April, 1921, resides at Summit Ville, Colo.
- 3-8 Edgar Johnson, b. 26 Aug., 1890, Sanford, Colo., m. first wife 6 June, 1914, Dottie Dalton, daughter of John C. Dalton and Daphnie Smith, b. 7 Aug., 1893, Manassa, Colo., d. 11 Nov., 1918. One child.
- 4-1 b \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ? Elgeva, b. 10 Sept., 1927, a child of second wife.
- 3-9 Gilbert Raphael Johnson, b. 4 Mar., 1893, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_, Elsie Louie Davis, b. 6 April, 1894, Baxter, Tenn, daughter \_\_\_\_\_. Five children.
- 4-1 Charles Robert Johnson, b. 22 April, 1915, Richfield, Colo., m. 11 Dec., 1940, Dortha Smith Roberts.
- 2 Edith Johnson, b. 21 Sept., 1916, Sanford, Colo., m. 7 Dec., 1940, Horace Wight Huggins, b. 10 Jan., 1919.
- 3 Marie Johnson, b. 23 April, 1920, La Jara, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_,

- Harold Carl Barr, son of George Barr and Elizebeth Albrecht, b. 10 Nov., 1916. Two children.
- 4-4 Harold Johnson, b. 18 Dec., 1923, La Jara, Colo.
- 4-5 Donald Lee Johnson, b. 27 Feb., 1930, La Jara, Colo.
- 5-1 Lorna Marie Barr, b. 6 Aug., 1939, Alamosa, Colo.
- 2 Donna Kay, b. 30 Dec., 1940, Alamosa, Colo.
- 3-10 Renald Crowther Johnson, b. 18 July, 1895, Sanford, Colo., m. Eva Jones, daughter of Hugh Jones and Artinsie J. Darst, b. 1 Jan. 1895. Four children.
- 4-1 Twins by first wife, Ronald Johnson, b. 8 April, 1917, Sanford, Colo., d. child.
- 2 Twins by first wife, Renold Johnson, b. 8 April, 1917, Sanford, Colo., d. child.
- 3 Jerome R. Johnson, b. 28 Dec., 1920, Sanford, Colo.
- 4 Calvin Johnson, b. 14 Mar., 1922, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-10 Renald Crowther Johnson, b. July 18, 1895, m. 2nd wife Clara Rasmussen (Miller) widow, daughter of Andrew Rasmussen and Martha Brady, b. 14 Oct., 1896.
- 4-1 Renold LaVar Johnson, b. 1 Oct., 1928, Sanford, Colo., d. 25 -----, 1932.
- 2 Elizabeth Jane Johnson, b. 15 May, 1930, Sanford, Colo.
- 3 Charles Leon Johnson, b. 18 May, 1933, Sanford, Colo.
- 4 Janeen Johnson, b. 30 Mar., 1935, Sanford, Colo.
- 5 Vaughn Andrew Johnson, b. 12 July, 1939, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-11 Nina Johnson, b. 22 May, 1898, Sanford, Colo., m. 15 Mar., 1929, Leroy Coombs, son of Ephraim Coombs and Ruth Shawcroft, b. ----- Two children.
- 4-1 Roy Leland Coombs, b. 7 Dec., 1932, Richfield, Colo.
- 2 Baby Coombs, b. 30 May, 1939, Richfield, Colo., d. child.
- 3 Dow Orris Coombs, 12 Dec., 1930, (adopted).

## THOS. A. CROWTHER



Thomas A. Crowther, Wife Mary Peterson

Thomas Alma Crowther, son of Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes, was born 29th March, 1858, at Cedar City, Utah. His childhood was similar to that of the other pioneer children. While he was yet a young lad, his family moved to Fountain Green, Utah, where he attended a tuition school for a short period. Thomas helped his father on the farm and with the sheep, but he still found time to enjoy the social life of the little town. After a long day of toil, he, with the other young people, would gather in the little meeting house which served as an amusement hall, and there he would take



very active part in singing school or square dancing.

At one of these Ward dances he met Mary Peterson, daughter of Thor Peterson and Marn Swensen, who were converts to the Mormon Church in Denmark. Her family emigrated to the U. S. A. and Mary was carried in her mother's arms across the plains of Utah. Thomas and Mary Peterson enjoyed each other's company and became good friends. When Thomas A. was twenty-one years old, he went to Frisco, Utah, to work, and after a few months he learned that Thor Peterson, father of Mary, his sweetheart, had received a call from President John Taylor to go to Colorado and help establish a colony in the San Luis Valley. So he hurried home to claim his bride. After he returned home he obtained the consent of Mary's parents, and preparations were made for their marriage. The young couple went by wagon and team to Nephi, Utah, and thence by train into Salt Lake City, where they were married in the Endowment House, Sept. 9, 1880.

Thomas and Mary, believing there were more opportunities in Colorado for young people, left with the Peterson family for Colorado on Sept. 11, 1880. When they reached North Bend (Fairview), Sister Peterson was taken ill and had to return to Fountain Green. The family continued on their journey saddened because of their mother's illness. It was a long, hard trip, and they experienced many hardships—fording streams, making trails over mountain passes and encountering many Indian tribes; but they were nevertheless happy. Thomas A. was blessed with good natured optimism which followed him through life.

It was six weeks and two days before they reached the Valley and there they found so much snow it was impossible for them to go on. They were compelled to

stay there for three days. They reached Manassa Oct. 26, 1880, and were welcomed by the Saints living there. Brother S. C. Berthelson invited them to stay with his family until the men could get logs out of the forest and build them a house. The house was soon ready, and the two families moved in, living in the one room through the winter. Thomas A. got work laying ties for the railroad south of Antonito and in this way earned money to take care of his family, for a child, Thomas Orson, came to bless their humble home Oct. 10th, 1881. With an addition to his family, Thomas A. decided to move to Richfield, where he bought some land and was soon busy clearing his property, plowing and planting a crop. Under the supervision of his father-in-law and brothers-in-law, they surveyed and built a canal to carry water to their fields. They built their second little home, and soon another child, Robert Earl, was born April 8th, 1885. With his wife and two children to provide for, Thomas (Tommy as we all called him), labored early and late, and no sacrifice was too great for him to make for his family. But not all his efforts were to gain a livelihood for his dear ones, for he found time to work in the little church in Richfield, where a Ward was established with Mary's father, Thor Peterson, as bishop. Tommy served as choir leader and took an active interest in the activity of the Ward. About this time a boy, Thor Franklin, was born Oct. 15th, 1886. The Presidency of the Stake advised the people of Richfield and Ephraim to move onto a bench between the two little towns, which they named Sanford.

Tommy, always energetic and ambitious to have the best for his family, helped to build a brick kiln, where he made enough brick to build a one-story house on the main street of Sanford. The following Sept. 7, 1888, a

baby girl, Mary Agnes, was born, and the next two years were busy ones for the young home-makers. They planted and reaped, and by their industry and thrift, became good substantial citizens. President Silas S. Smith asked Thomas A. if he would accept a call to fill a mission to the Southern States. With his usual obedience to the authorities of the church, he accepted the call, and left Nov. 4th, 1890, for his mission. He labored in East Tennessee, where he made many friends for the Church and accomplished a good work. His life was threatened many times by the enemies of the Church, and at one time he was attacked and beaten by a mob. But because of his great faith, his life was spared.

He continued with his labors making many converts. The Loyds, Franklins, Henseleys and many others accepted Mormonism because of his efforts. He returned home Dec. 24th, 1892, and found a warm welcome in his home and also in the Ward, for there was need of men of faith to teach and lead the converts from the Southern States who were also called to colonize in the San Luis Valley, Colorado. Being a man of such spiritual strength and possessing great leadership qualities, he was chosen to be second counselor to Albert R. Smith in the Stake Presidency, and served in this position for several years, and later became first counselor to President Levi P. Helm who succeeded Albert R. Smith after his death. During this time a boy Alma Leroy was born Oct. 23rd, 1893. Not only Thomas A. was active in a church capacity, Mary not only cared for her home and family, but served as counselor to Mary A. Berthelsen in the Sanford Ward Relief Society, and later as president for several years. Her devotion to the faith made her a good leader for her sisters in the church where she accomplished much good. She also encouraged her

husband not only to perform his duties in a church capacity, but in the cultural life of the Ward as well. He was a member of the Sanford Silver Band, playing the bass horn. Unusual ability made him one of the leading members. In Ward dramatics he was of great help, taking part in plays and adding to the enjoyment of all the members of the Ward. He later served as mayor of Sanford, taking an active part in the civil welfare of the city. At this time a daughter, Ida Jane was born 18th March 1897. Life continued in the Crowther household. Planting and reaping of crops, cooking and taking care of the children made the days of Tommy and Mary full. Two other children were born. A daughter Zelpha, born on the 10th of August, 1898, lived only nine months. A son, Albert Levi, was born 10 May 1900. He too lived only four months. This brought great sorrow for these good people, but with faith in God's goodness, they continued faithful to the Gospel, having assurance they would sometime meet their loved ones. Thomas had a strong physique and enjoyed good health until the last few years of his life.

His jovial disposition made him loved, not only by his own family and relatives, but by all who knew him. He was affectionately called "Uncle Tommy." In 1883, Mary met with an accident which caused a hip injury from which she suffered a great deal. During that time, her husband showed her the greatest devotion and care and the love that was so dear in their early wedded life ripened with the years.. Their home was one of love, peace and cooperation between parents and children, who worked for the welfare of each other.

In 1903, a call came from the headquarters of the Church, for their son, Thomas Orson, to fill a mission. He and his parents accepted the call. They were happy



and felt honored for their son to carry the Gospel to the people of the Southern States. The family sacrificed and worked hard to send Orson the money necessary for him to complete his mission, and when he returned two and a half years later, he and his family were satisfied and proud of the work he had accomplished in the mission field.

Not only was Uncle Tommy devoted to his family, but the love he bore for his father, mother, brothers and sisters was wonderful. The many deeds of generosity and kindness will long be remembered by his relatives and friends. He seemed to be the Joseph of old to his father's family. By an accident one of his father's team, a fine mare was killed in the spring just when we had begun to put in the crop. This made it absolutely necessary to purchase another animal to continue the farm work. \$100.00 had to be borrowed. His father always tried to avoid debt. He signed the note, paid the interest the first year and it ran on for another. Oh, how he worried. It was a big debt those days. Tommy herded sheep, went out on the desert into Nevada and stayed one winter—when he was about grown. Came home and turned over \$100.00 to his father, which was a great relief. He seemed to have the same feeling for his younger brother, William O. (or Will) as Joseph of old had for Benjamin, his younger brother. Always concerned for his welfare; always trying to turn things in the way of filling his sack. In the spring of 1887, Tommy and Swen Peterson contracted to rail eighty acres of brush land and plow and Vee a ditch for two miles for Ernest Miller, county surveyor, about four miles west of La Jara, Colo. Tommy sent Will with a big span of mules belonging to him, with Swen Peterson to accomplish this work which was under contract. Tommy stayed home to irrigate his



crop which had been planted. This contract was finished and accepted. Swen receiving the pay in full and they returned home. Swen payed the half to Uncle Tommy and he settled with Will, and insisted that Will take it about all. Will protested saying no, half of what we made belongs to you. But Tommy insisted, saying you may be getting married one of these days and you will need it. Sure enough, by the October conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, 1886, this young brother had found him a bride, and was determined to go to the Temple just finished at Logan, Utah, to be married; then visit their father and family that was left in Utah. On the morning they were to start, Uncle Tommy inquired, "Will, have you got money enough for the trip?" Will answered, "I have \$100.00. Our tickets will cost \$84.00 which will leave us \$16.00 spending money. I think we can get along." Tommy reached into his pocket, pulled out \$25.00 and insisted on Will taking it, use it if you need it and it was used, but returned later. Father instructed his family that if they borrowed from each other they must deal just as they would with strangers, especially in money matters. That was the rule in the family. It was adhered to strictly and prevented trouble and ill feelings. When the newly-weds returned to Colorado they located on the southwest corner of the same block with Tommy and Mary, in a little one room log cabin.

Quite early one morning when Will went out to do his chores, there was Tommy, letting down the corral bars. He had brought a fresh cow and calf. He turned them in and said, "I thought you needed some milk. You keep this cow and calf they are yours." This is the way he kept up his dealings with his younger brother all through life.

It was quite a custom in our family that when any one of them butchered a beef, pig or sheep, to send each a nice mess of fresh meat; but when Uncle Tommy returned the compliment it was about double what he ever got. Finally I became self-conscience and took him to task. I told him I could not afford to neighbor with him; he had got me so far in his debt. About 1896 he bought a new Cooper wagon. Mine was getting rather old, so I asked him if I might borrow his. He would say yes, even though he really wanted to use it. It was in the winter and I was not particularly employed at the time; so I hitched onto his wagon, took my bedding and grub, went and stayed all night and got a nice load of wood and a few posts. When I returned I took his wagon home and left the load of wood on the wagon, I told him I was much obliged for the use of it. I thought it was about my turn to begin to get even with him.

When he went on his mission in 1890 he left a fine pair of colts that grew and developed into a fine team of horses, well matched in size and color and weighing about 1500 pounds each. He named them Jess and Major. He was a first-class teamster himself and did the breaking of this team to his notion. They understood how to load saw logs to perfection. The driver never had to touch the lines; just speak to them. I borrowed this team a number of times when I had brush to rail or sod to plow where it took four horse teams to do the job. But Tommy would never take anything for the use of them. They lived until they were twenty-two years old. Oh, the service they gave during their lives! Finally one of them died. I felt the loss it would be to Tommy and family and I began to wonder what I could do to help repair the loss. Wm. O.

Crowther and Sons Co. at this time owned a good stallion and about a dozen mares, a number of colts and young horses. One fine young mare past three years old could fill the bill of taking the place of the old horse that died. I called Orson over the phone and asked him to come down to our ranch. He was soon there and wanted to know what I wanted. I had asked the boys interested with me in business to let me have the young mare spoken of; to set a price on her, and she was charged to me. I asked Orson to take this mare up to Tommy's home and tie her in the barn in the vacant stall of the deceased horse, without letting anyone know about it. The next morning Uncle Tommy went out and fed the horses and seeing this stray animal, inquired what she was doing there. Orson explained, it was one Uncle Will had sent up to take the place of the one that had just died. This was the spirit that ran through the lives of these two brothers. Never a word of friction in all their being together—only love, joy and happiness. Think you they do not believe in the union of families, the sealing of husband and wife and children for eternity? If it were not for the hope of meeting father, mother, brothers, sisters, wife and children, we would not want to go to heaven. We do not fear death for we will have to pass through it to join the family circle. But we do fear sin, which may keep us out of that circle.

Uncle Tommy and his boys had accumulated a nice bunch of hereford cattle and enjoyed rideing in the saddle taking them to the forest reserve and bringing them back home after the round-up in the fall. Even at advanced age, when in his 70's, he could often be seen in the saddle driving a bunch of cattle. He loved to handle sheep also.

The children of the family began to find their

mates and were married—building homes of their own and assuming their own responsibilities. A great sorrow came to this family when Thor Franklin, who had married and had a family of three fine boys, met with an accident which caused his death. While hauling ties with a team and wagon, traveling on a sidling road, the load tipped over and he fell under it. Two other sons, Robert and Alma, were called to the great beyond leaving their wives and large families.

Thomas Alma died at the age of seventy-five years two months and twenty-one days, June 18, 1933, at his home in Sanford, Colo.; near the age of his father and grandfather when they died. He was buried in the Sanford cemetery. The people of the Stake where he had labored so faithfully, mourned at the passing of this good man. His children and grandchildren have always been active members of the Church. His daughter Mary Agnes was president of the Sanford Ward Relief Society for five years and also president of the Primary organization for two years. Two grandsons-in-law, Berl Reed and Amel Shawcroft, filled honorable missions for the Church in the Central States Mission 1905 and 1926. James Crowther, son of Thomas Orson and Florence Reynolds is in the mission field at the present time (1941) in the Southern States. Ida Jane worked in the Primary for two years as counselor, and later became teacher in the Sunday School. Douglas Westbrook, Ida's husband, filled a mission to the Southern States, was counselor in the superintendency and later superintendent of the Sanford Sunday School. He is now mayor of Sanford, Colo. The descendants of Tommy and Mary are outstanding in many ways including athletic ability and fine, clean living. Uncle Tommy lived what he believed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Aunt Mary is still living



(1941) in the old home, just past her 81st birthday; but is unable to get around on account of a bad leg and foot caused by milk leg, a malady of long standing. All her children living by her.

Thomas Orson Crowther the eldest son of Thomas and Mary filled a mission to the Southern States and assisted many people to gain a testimony of the Gospel. Upon returning home he was chosen as one of the presidency of the M.I.A. in Sanford Ward. Later He labored in the genealogical and stake missionary work. His wife, Florence Reynolds Crowther, labored in the presidency of the Primary, also as Sunday School and Relief Society teacher in the Sanford Ward. Their son James Thomas Crowther is laboring as a missionary in the Southern States at the present time (1941), and is accomplishing much good. Their children are all active in church work filling positions of trust in the different wards in which they live.

Robert Earl Crowther the second son was a generous boy, loved by every one; a good husband and father. He died at the age of fifty years leaving a wife and eight children. His wife, Grace Rogers Crowther, left with a family of small children, met life's problems bravely. She has been active in church organization work, especially in the Relief Society and Sunday School work of the Sanford Ward. Their children are good members of the Church and active in the different wards where they live.

Thor Franklin, the third son, was a fine, good man, loved by his family and friends. At the age of twenty-nine years he was killed in an accident while hauling ties, the load tipping over on him. He left his wife, Clara Chandler Crowther, and three sons. Clara was a real daughter to Uncle Tommy and Aunt Mary and is



dearly loved by her husband's family. Her three sons are all married and are respected and honored in the different places where they live in New Mexico. She later married George Reed, by whom she had two girls. They made their home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Clara died in 1941 and was buried in the Sanford, Colorado cemetery by the side of her first husband.

Alma Leroy, the fourth son of Tommy and Mary, was an industrious, good man—a good husband and father. He died at the age forty-two years leaving a wife and eight children. His wife, Iva Brothers Crowther, is an active worker in the Church, laboring in the Relief Society organization of the Sanford Ward. There are six sons and two daughters. Two sons, Merrill and Willard, have gone to serve our country in the present war. All members of this family are splendid Latter-day Saints.

Mary Agnes Crowther Reynolds, the oldest daughter of Thomas and Mary, is a very fine woman. Her husband, Chester Reynolds, died in 1940. He was a very good man, an ardent worker in the L.D.S. Church. They had quite a large family, but were unfortunate in losing some of them in infancy. Agnes as we all called her, faced the world with courage, all the children are married but the youngest one. They are active in the Church in the wards where they live, and are a credit to society. We are proud of them.

Ida Jane and her husband have moved into the old home with Aunt Mary and are taking care of Aunt Mary in her old age. They have a fine family most all married. They are faithful and active members of the Church.

- 2-3 Thomas Alma Crowther, b. 29 Mar., 1858, Cedar City, Utah, m. 9 Sept., 1880, Salt Lake City, Utah, Mary Peterson, b. 5 Dec., 1860, Denmark, daughter of Thor Peterson and Myrn Swensen. Eight children.
- 3-1 Thomas Orson Crowther, b. 10 Oct., 1881, Manassa, Colo., m. 10 April, 1907, Salt Lake Temple, Minnie Florence Reynolds, b. 19 Dec., 1887, Mount Pleasant, Utah. 11 children.
- 4-1 William Orson Crowther, b. 24 Oct., 1907, Sanford, Colo., d. 24 Oct., 1907.
- 4-2 Vera Florence Crowther, b. 8 Mar., 1913, La Jara, Colo., m. Walter Rogers, 7 Sept., 1934, Salt Lake Temple, son of Joseph Urban Rogers and Ruby Garrison, b. 10 Oct., 1905. Reside at Carson, New Mex. Four children.
- 5-1 Ila May Rogers, b. 11 Aug., 1935, Taos Junc., N. M.  
 2 William Russell Rogers, b. 20 Sept., 1936, Alamosa, Colo.  
 3 Gayle Urben Rogers, b. 7 Sept., 1938, Alamosa, Colo.  
 4 Vera Ann Rogers, b. 21 Mar., 1940, Dixon, N. M.
- 4-3 Raymond Q. Crowther, b. 8 Mar., 1913, La Jara, Colo., m. Nov. 16, 1938, Verla Bagwell, daughter of Luther N. Bagwell and Mary Katie Brothers. One child.
- 5-1 Dorla Raye Crowther, b. 9 Aug., 1939, Manassa, Colo.
- 4-4 Nellie Aletha Crowther, b. 22 Oct., 1914, La Jara, Colo., m. Ren Frederikson, Nov. 7, 1932, Salt Lake Temple, son Hans C. Frederikson and Sarah Shawcroft. Three children.
- 5-1 Orson Reed Frederikson, b. 16 Dec., 1933, Richfield, Colo.  
 2 Richard Ren Frederikson, b. 30 Oct., 1939, Richfield, Colo.  
 3 Dorothy Louise Frederikson, b. 17 May, 1941, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-5 Mary Caryl Crowther, b. 11 July, 1910, La Jara, Colo., m. Mar. 3, 1934, Horace Shawcroft, Salt Lake Temple, b. \_\_\_\_\_, son, Frank Shawcroft and Mary Berthelsen. Three children.
- 5-1 Bob Allen Shawcroft, b. 4 Jan., 1935, La Jara, Colo.  
 2 Lary Gene Shawcroft, b. 17 Nov., 1937, La Jara, Colo.  
 3 James Lewis Shawcroft, b. 29 Oct., 1939, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-6 James Thomas Crowther, b. 25 Sept., 1919, Sanford, Colo.  
 7 Edward Howard Crowther, b. 14 Mar., 1921, Sanford, Colo.  
 8. Edith Luella Crowther, b. 24 Dec., 1922, Sanford, Colo.  
 9 Jesse Dean Crowther, b. 30 May, 1926, Sanford, Colo.  
 10 Evan Glen Crowther, b. 4 June, 1928, Sanford, Colo.

- 11 Minnie Ellen Crowther, b. 26 April, 1930, Sanford, Colorado.
- 3-2 Robert Earl Crowther, b. 8 April, 1885, Richfield, Colo., d. 29 Jan., 1935, m. 18 Sept., 1917, Grace Rogers, b. 17 April, 1900, Fairview, N. M., daughter of Joseph Heber Rogers and Lovina Willis. Nine children.
- 4-1 Afton Lovina Crowther, b. 25 June, 1918, Sanford, Colo., m. 12 Mar., 1938, Otto Scheiba, b. 6 July, 1912, Manassa, Colo., son, Max Scheibe and Mary McGinnis. Two children.
- 5-1 Robert Otto Scheibe, b. 1 April, 1939, Sanford, Colo.  
2 Barbara Ann Scheibe, b. 12 July, 1940, Sanford, Colo., d. 10 Nov., 1940, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-2 Effie Crowther, b. 19 April, 1920, Sanford, Colo., m. 14 March, 1937, Buford Lennon, Holland, b. 5 Feb., 1906, Little Rock, Ark., son of William Walter Holland and Florence Betty Pratt. Two children.
- 5-1 Bessie May Holland, b. 29 April, 1937, Manassa, Colo., d. 30 April, 1937.  
2 Gerry Ivan Holland, b. 9 Feb., 1940, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-3 Clyde Robert Crowther, b. 17 Oct., 1922, Sanford, Colo., d. auto accident, 16 Sept., 1940, Sanford, Colo.  
4 Melva Crowther, b. 13 July, 1924, Sanford, Colo.  
5 Willis Oren Crowther, b. 2 Mar., 1926, Sanford, Colo.  
6 Betty June Crowther, b. 6 May, 1929, Sanford, Colo.  
7 Paul Mason Crowther, b. 27 Feb., 1931, Sanford, Colo.  
8 Wayne Nelson Crowther, b. 25 Nov., 1933, Sanford, Colo.  
9 Lovinnia Crowther, b. 12 Aug., 1935, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-3 Thor Franklin Crowther, b. 15 Oct., 1886, Richfield, Colo., m. 12 June, 1908, (d. 19...), Clara Chandler, b. 4 Feb., 1889, daughter of Thomas Chandler and ..... Three children were born to them. He was killed in an accident, hauling ties, the wagon tipped over and he fell under the load, about 1915.
- 4-1 Thomas Earl Crowther, b. 19 Nov., 1909, Sanford, Colo., m. May, 1927, Margaret Miller Chame, N. M. One child.  
2 Clifford Franklin Crowther, b. 22 June, 1912, Sanford, Colo.  
3 Kenneth J. Crowther, b. 3 June, 1914, Sanford, Colo.
- 5-1 William Crowther, b. 27 Apr., 1928, Margaret Miller, mother of this boy left with the boy. Their whereabouts are unknown.
- 3-4 Mary Agnes Crowther, b. 7 Sept., 1888, Sanford, Colo., m. 25 Dec., 1910, Sanford, Colo.  
Chester Reynolds, b. 17 Oct., 1882, Roan Oak, Va., son of

Preston Reynolds and Mary Elizabeth Tinnel, was married in the Manti Temple, 25 Sept., 1925. Was a plasterer by trade. Was afflicted with the asthma. Died from its effect. Was a fine man. Nine children.

- 4-1 Mildred Reynolds, b. 10 Aug., 1912, m. Dec. 25, 1935, in Mesa Temple, Jan. 2, 1936, Ivan Thomas, b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of Joseph F. Thomas and Ethel Mickelson. Three children.
- 5-1 Marilyn Thomas, b. 1 Nov., 1936, Sanford, Colo.
- 2 Elaine Thomas, b. 15 Nov., 1938, Alamosa, Colo.
- 3 Ivan Lee Thomas, b. 2 Jan., 1941, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-2 Lavina Marvell Reynolds, b. 22 Sept., 1913, Manassa, Colo., m. 4 Sept., 1936, Birle Reed, b. 16 July, 1902, Sanford, Colo., son of Gilbert Reed and Panola White. One child.
- 5-1 Sharon Reed, b. 16 Jan., 1939, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-3 Clifton C. Reynolds, b. 30 Dec., 1915, Sanford, Colo., d. 31 Dec. 1915.
- 4 Zelda Reynolds, b. 28 Feb., 1917, Sanford, m. 22 Mar., 1935, Salt Lake Temple, David Amel Shawcroft, b. 11 Dec., 1916, son of David E. Shawcroft and Martha Smith. Two children.
- 5-1 Kay David Shawcroft, b. 18 Jan., 1938, Alamosa, Colo.
- 5-2 Curtis Amel Shawcroft, b. 11 Oct., 1941.
- 4-5 Erma Reynolds, b. 9 Jan., 1919, Sanford, Colo., m. 13 April, 1941, Alfred Hicks, b. 9 Nov., 1918, son of John Hicks.
- 4-6 Thomas Verdell Reynolds, b. 13 Sept., 1921, Sanford, d. 20 Sept., 1921.
- 7 Marion Vaughn Reynolds, b. 22 Nov., 1924, d. 22 April, 1925.
- 8 Glenna Reynolds, b. 15 July, 1927, d. 22 Jan., 1929.
- 9 Donna Reynolds, b. 8 May, 1929, d. 3 May, 1933, all resided at Sanford, Colo.
- 3-5 Alma Leroy Crowther, b. 23 Oct., 1893, Sanford, Colo., m. 9 June, 1916, Manti Temple, Utah, Iva Brothers, b. 14 April, 1895, daughter of William Brothers and Maria Christensen. He was a good farmer. Fond of sports, excelled in our National Ball game as pitcher. Left six sons who seem to inherit the traits of their father. Died 29 Mar., 1935. Eight children were born to this union.
- 4-1 Elwin Crowther, b. 11 Nov., 1917, Sanford, Colo.
- 2 Merrill Crowther, b. 3 Nov., 1919, Sanford, Colo.
- 3 Willard Crwother, b. 30 June, 1921, Sanford, Colo.
- 4 Quinton Crowther, b. 29 Mar., 1923, Sanford, Colo.
- 5 Averet D. Crowther, b. 1 Nov., 1925, Sanford, Colo.



- 6 Clella Crowther, born 4 April, 1927, Sanford, Colorado.
- 7 Normand Glen Crowther, b. 24 Nov., 1930, Sanford, Colo.
- 8 Delora Crowther, b. 26 July, 1934, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-6 Ida Jane Crowther, b. 18 Mar., 1897, Sanford, Colo., m. 31 Oct., 1914, Alamosa, Colo., Douglas Westbrook, b. 14 June, 1894, Morgan Conejos Co., Colo., son of John D. Westbrook and Leander Kelley. Married in Manti Temple, Utah, 9 June, 1916. Ten children born to this union.
- 4-1 Douglas A. Westbrook, b. 30 Aug., 1915, Sanford, Colo., m. 7 Nov., 1935, Salt Lake Temple, Hazel Shawcroft, b. 12 Nov., 1918, daughter of David E. Shawcroft and Martha Smith. One child.
- 5-1 Martha Ann Westbrook, b. 27 Oct., 1940.
- 4-2 Gladys Westbrook, b. 7 Oct., 1917, Sanford, Colo., m. 2 July, 1935, Eugene Ferrell Barr, b. 19 Dec., 1913, Alamosa, Colo., son of George Barr and Elizabeth Albrecht. Three children.
- 5-1 Elizabeth Jean Barr, b. 3 Aug., 1936, Alamosa, Colo.
  - 2 Richard Kent Barr, b. 13 Mar., 1938, Alamosa, Colo.
  - 3 Max Ferrell Barr, b. 10 Feb., 1940, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-3 Richard Norwall Westbrook, b. 2 Feb., 1921, Sanford, Colo., m. 15 Sept., 1940, Lavon Daniels, b. 12 Sept., 1920, daughter John Daniels and May White.
- 4-4 Ardith J. Westbrook, b. 17 Oct., 1922, Sanford, Colo., d. 17 Oct., 1922.
- 5 Donald C. Westbrook, b. 23 Aug., 1923, Sanford, Colo., d. 23 Aug., 1923.
- 6 Thomas Don Westbrook, b. 4 June, 1926, Sanford, Colo.
- 7 Jesse Alford Westbrook, b. 2 Dec., 1928, d. 2 Dec., 1928.
- 8 Mary Helen Westbrook, b. 17 Aug., Sanford, Colo., d. 17 Aug., 1930.
- 9 Jerrald D. Westbrook, b. 30 Aug., 1932, Sanford, Colo., d. 9 Sept., 1932.
- 10 Joseph Franklin Westbrook, b. 28 Jan., 1934, Sanford, Colo., d. 28 Jan., 1934.
- 3-7 Albert Levi Crowther, b. 10 May, 1900, Sanford, Colo., d. 9 Sept., 1900.
- 3-8 Zelpha Crowther, b. 10 Aug., 1898, Sanford, Colo., d. 28 May, 1899.
- 4-2 Clifford Franklin Crowther, b. 22 June, 1912, Sanford, Colo., m. 15 May, 1935, Rhona Fish, b. 3 Oct., 1916, daughter of



Dr. Wesley Fletcher Fish and Sarah Rhoana Hatch. Four boys.

5-1 Wesley Franklin Crowther, b. 27 Feb., 1936.

5-2 Thomas Clifford Crowther, b. 23 Oct., 1937.

5-3 Emer James Crowther, b. 23 April, 1939.

5-4 Robert Earl Crowther, b. 13 Nov., 1941.

## BIOGRAPHY OF JAMES FRANKLIN CROWTHER

James Franklin Crowther was born September 17, 1860, 6:00 a.m., at Ephraim, Sanpete County, Utah. He was born in a "Dugout," which was a very common form of domicile in the early days of Utah. It was constructed by digging out a cave in the side of a wash or hollow, placing two large logs over the top, and spreading poles over them and placing first brush and then dirt on the poles thus making a roof. Sometimes the front was closed with a wall of logs, skins, or anything available.

He was the son of Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes Crowther who were married in Cedar City, Nov. 25, 1856 and moved to Ephraim in the spring of 1860. In the spring of 1861 they moved to Fountain Green where the family grew up. Their main source of livelihood came from farming. One spring the grasshoppers ate all of the wheat crop so they planted corn which matured and was what they had to live on during the following winter. James Franklin developed a great liking for corn meal mush and johnny cake and retained it all his life. Even his children seemed to inherit a strong liking for corn products.

During his early days there were many difficulties to be contended with. The Black Hawk war was on while he was yet too young to enlist in the militia or stand guard, but he and his playmates would have their drills with their wooden guns. It was in June, 1867, that the Indians raided the Fountain Green cow herd and killed Lewis Lund. Father Crowther brought the body to town in his wagon and when Frank saw the blood he felt a strong desire to avenge that blood, which

never left him. He told the story to his children so that they never pass the scene of the episode without feeling a reverence for the one who gave his life for the perpetuation of an early colony.

However, when peace was finally effected, the Crowthers did their share to maintain it. They treated the Indians so well that "Indian Jim," a sub-chief, would always stay at their home when in town. On one occasion when Frank had lost his pony, he went to Indian Jim in his wigwam and told his troubles. Indian Jim immediately started questioning the various members of his tribe and in about half an hour returned with the lost pony. It is good to have a friend, even Indian.

He was baptized March 14, 1869 by Elder James Woodward, and confirmed a member of the Church just one week later by the same James Woodward. In the winter of 1873 the towns of North Sanpete suffered an epidemic of small pox. Frank was the only one of his father's family to get it, and although it made him quite sick, it did not leave him with any marks or other bad effects as it so often did in those days. He even says his health was better after it left him. About this time he was ordained a deacon and enjoyed working in that office keeping the meeting houses clean and warm, etc.

In the fall of 1880 he went with others to southern Colorado, and during the winter, worked on the railroad grade along the Navajo river. In the spring helped lay track from Chama, New Mexico, to Durango, Colorado. There were times during the winter when they were snowed in and the crew were glad to eat venison which he would bring into camp until supplies could be obtained from town. In July of 1881 he turned to Fountain Green where he helped his father harvest the crop

and then worked in the sawmill in Spring Creek Canyon getting out logs and sawing lumber for the Manti Temple. He also worked with his father building the terrace walls of the Manti Temple.

In November, while hunting deer, he was accidentally shot, the one ounce ball passing through the left elbow, taking part of the joint away, then striking his left hip, grazed the outside of the hip bone and lodged in his back. He states that "with the help of the Lord, and careful nursing by a loving mother, I was restored to health, but my left arm is still stiff and crooked." And it remained so until his death.

Completing the requirements of the district schools he was offered a two years' normal scholarship at the Desert University (later U. of U.) by Sanpete County, on condition that he would teach two years in the district schools after completing the course. He attended from



Home of James F. Crowther, Sanford, Colo.

the fall of 1882 until the spring of 1884 under Prof. John R. Park. In the fall of 1884 he began teaching in the district school at Fountain Green. He found pedagogy very interesting. Also the pedagogs of the vicinity, especially the lady ones and he says "After two years of courtship with the largest, prettiest, best and most intelligent lady teacher I could find, I was united in marriage to Mary Olsen in the Logan Temple on December 31, 1884 by Apostle Mariner W. Merrill."

August 31, 1884 he was ordained a priest by Elder J. Martinus Jensen. December 12, 1884, he was ordained an elder by his father, Thomas Crowther. May 3, 1885, he was ordained a seventy by Peter Lauritsen. September 13, 1891, he was ordained a high priest by Silas S. Smith and chosen a member of the High Council of the San Luis Stake of Zion.

May 22, 1886, a girl was born to him and he called her Mary Grace. In January, 1887, an epidemic of diphtheria broke out in Fountain Green and the school was closed for three or four months, so he made arrangements for his wife to complete the term and he went to Colorado and settled in Sanford where he built a one-room log house and in June his wife joined him there. He engaged in farming and school teaching and his wife ran a little co-op store in one end of the one room log cabin. Here a son was born May 2, 1889, and they called his name Arthur Franklin, and he was blessed on the 7th day of June by Soren O. Berthelsen. The store grew and in the spring of 1890 was moved to a building of its own and housed the post office in one corner. He was engaged as manager of the Sanford Co-op store and appointed postmaster. He continued in that position for about eight years.

He accepted a call and went on a mission to the



Indian Territory mission March 5, 1898 and returned February 22, 1900. In June he was appointed secretary and treasurer of the San Luis Stake Sunday Schools and remained in that office until he moved to Provo, Utah, in October, 1909. He was elected justice of the peace in 1900 and re-elected until he filled four and a half terms. He worked in the store for about three years after returning from his mission and then engaged in farming and sheep raising.

On account of education facilities and other environments he sold his farm in Colorado and moved to Provo, Utah, October 1, 1909, where he engaged in coal merchandising and farming. Later he sold the farm and coal yard and engaged in apartment house business.

He sent four of his five sons on missions. Arthur left in October, 1912, for the Japanese mission, and returned in 1917. Osmond left for the British mission, November 25, 1919 and returned June 11, 1922. Earl left for the California mission April 16, 1924, and labored in the Nevada conference, returning June, 1926. Eldon left for the British mission September 8, 1928, and returned November 21, 1930, to a parentless home, his mother having died February 24, 1930, and his father passed away October 6, 1930. He returned just in time to attend the funeral of his oldest sister, Grace, December 28, 1930.

The posterity of James Franklin Crowther, third child of Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes:



James Franklin Crowther Family Group

- 2-3 James Franklin Crowther, b. Sept. 17, 1860 at Ephaim, Utah, d. Oct. 6, 1930, m. Mary Olsen who was b. April 3, 1863, and d. Feb. 24, 1930.
- 3-1 Mary Grace Crowther, b. May 22, 1886, d. Dec. 28, 1930, m. Walter Stevens who was born at Holden, Utah, July 2, 1882. Their children are:
- 4-1 Walter Frank Stevens, b. March 31, 1911 at Provo, Utah, m. Fern Lee, b. May 2, 1914 at Hibbard, Madison County, Idaho.
- 5-1 They have one child, Dennis Frank Stevens, b. Mar. 22, 1939 at Goldendale, Washington. (Klickitat County.)
- 4-2 Mary Lucile Stevens, b. Jan. 18, 1914 at Marley (Richfield), Idaho. She was married to Harvey B. Bickett, Oct. 1, 1933, their children are:
- 5-1 Walter Clair Bickett, b. April 2, 1938 at Gooding, Idaho.
- 4-3 Ruth Stevens, b. June 9, 1916 at Provo, Utah, was married to Garth E. Brush, b. Dec. 9, 1916 at Richfield, Idaho, m. May 31, 1933.
- 5-1 Ottis Garth Brush.
- 4-4 David Clair Stevens, born at Marley, Idaho, Nov. 16, 1917, m. Wilma Lucile Hennis, June 20, 1941. She was b. April 9, 1921 at Gardena, Calif.
- 4-5 Fay Stevens, b. Jan. 10, 1920 at Marley, Idaho, m. Roy Raymond Blakeslee, Nov. 16, 1940. He was b. May 7, 1912. Their child:
- 5-1 Mary Illene Blakeslee, b. Richfield, Idaho, May 18, 1941.
- 4-6 Helen Stevens, b. Feb. 22, 1924 at Shoshone, Idaho.
- 4-7 William Grant Stevens, b. Aug. 26, 1925.
- 3-2 Arthur Franklin Crowther, b. May 2, 1889 at Sanford, Colo., m. Ethel Ann Cluff, Oct. 31, 1917. She was born in Anarbor, Michigan, Nov. 15, 1887. They had two children who both died in infancy.
- 4-1 Mary Jane Crowther, b. Sept. 27, 1920, d. Oct. 5, 1920 at Buhl, Idaho.
- 4-2 David John Crowther, born at Provo, Utah, June 5, 1921, died same day.  
They took two of their nieces into their home and raised them to maturity, June Fern Kimball, b. June 18, 1918 at Magna, Utah. Helen Stevens.
- 3-3 Chester Lawrence Crowther, born at Sanford, Colo., July 16, 1891, d. Jan. 3, 1892.

- 3-4 Lewis Olson Crowther, born at Fountain Green, Utah, Jan. 16, 1893. Married Winnie McDaniel, Jan. 15, 1918. She was born Mar. 15, 1895.
- 4-1 Raymond Lewis Crowther, b. March 20, 1919 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-2 Frank McDaniel Crowther, b. Jan. 18, 1921 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-3 Mary Louise Crowther, b. Aug. 12, 1923 at Provo, Utah.
- 3-5 Esther Jane Crowther, b. Oct., 1895 at Sanford, Colo. Married Ernest Long, Feb. 4, 1914. He was b. May 12, 1891 at Valdesa, N. C.
- 4-1 Their children are Cleo Mary Long, b. Feb. 21, 1916 at Provo, Utah. Was married to James Paxman Martin, Sept. 15, 1937. He was born -----.
- 5-1 They have one child, born in Brunswick, N. J. Name Karen Martin.
- 4-2 Jessie Ernest Long, b. Provo, Utah, July 1, 1919.
- 4-3 Richard Crowther Long, b. Nov. 17, 1930, at Provo, Utah.
- 3-6 Osmond Crandal Crowther, b. Aug. 13, 1898 at Sanford, Colo. Married Idena Jensen, Dec. 10, 1924. She was b. Feb. 12, 1900 at Fountain Green, Utah. Their children are:
- 4-1 Eloise Corine Crowther, b. Nov. 9, 1925 at Fountain Green, Utah.
- 4-2 Janet Crowther, b. June 25, 1927 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-3 John Osmond Crowther, b. Jan. 12, 1930 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-4 Frank Martinus Crowther, b. Feb. 21, 1932 at Mt. Pleasant, Utah.
- 4-5 Mariana Crowther, b. July 24, 1936, at Fountain Green, Utah.
- 4-6 Dean Stevan Crowther, b. Feb. 9, 1942 at Ftn. Green, Utah.
- 3-7 Israel Earl Crowther, b. Aug. 27, 1901 at Sanford, Colo. Married Ruth Wintch, June 22, 1927. She was b. Sept. 20, 1905 at Manti, Utah. Their children are:
- 4-1 Loree Crowther, born at Richfield, Idaho, Aug. 7, 1928, and died the same day.
- 4-2 Earl James Crowther, b. Sept. 16, 1929 at Shoshone, Idaho.
- 4-3 Norma Jean Crowther, b. Feb. 8, 1931 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-4 Dolores Ruth Crowther, b. July 30, 1932 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-5 Richard Keneth Crowther, b. March 18, 1934, d. Dec. 27, 1936 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-6 Glen Wintch Crowther, b. Nov. 10, 1935 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-7 Lois Crowther, b. Jan. 26, 1939 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-8 Thomas Henry, b. July 11, 1942, Provo, Utah.



- 3-8 Thomas Clyde, b. Dec. 4, 1903, d. Dec. 20, 1903 at Sanford, Colo.
- 3-9 Ray Eldon Crowther, b. June 4, 1906 at Sanford, Colo. Married Nelda Beck, Aug. 17, 1932. She was b. Nov. 18, 1908 at Nephi, Utah.
- 4-1 Mary Joyce Crowther, b. Jan. 31, 1937 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-2 Elda Joan Crowther, b. Feb. 11, 1939 at Provo, Utah.

## LIFE OF MARY GRACE CROWTHER STEVENS

BY HER BROTHER, ARTHUR F. CROWTHER

Mary Grace Crowther was born at Fountain Green, Utah, on May 22, 1886, the daughter of James Franklin and Mary Olsen Crowther. In 1887 she was taken with her parents to Sanford, Colorado, where they settled to help build up a new colony. Here they lived happily for about twenty-two years. They engaged in farming and raising sheep and cattle and operating a small store and post office. Schools were established at an early date and none of the settlers of the new colony needed to lack for educational facilities until after they had finished the eighth grade. Grace studied diligently and passed one grade each year until she had finished the eight grades. She helped with the chores and housework before and after school and as soon as she was old enough she would go and help her father in the store and post office. After completing the course of study in the eight grades offered at Sanford, she went to Provo, Utah, and attended the Brigham Young University for three years and obtained a diploma in the Normal School of that University.

She then returned to Colorado where she engaged in school teaching in the towns of Eastdale, Manassa, and Sanford. Many of the boys in her classes were of equal or greater age than she, but she did not success-



fully teach them the laws of matrimony. In 1908, an old classmate of the BYU, Walter Stevens, started to writing her letters from the mission field, and in 1909, after his mission was finished, they were married in the Manti Temple, and went to Blanding, where he had interests in cattle raising. But after about one year at that they sold out there and moved to Provo, where he worked at various jobs, and after three or four years, moved to Idaho and took up some land near Richfield. Here they followed farming and stock raising with a good degree of success all the rest of her life.

She died at Richfield, December 28, 1930, leaving a husband and seven children behind.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ARTHUR FRANKLIN CROWTHER

I, Arthur Franklin Crowther, was born in Sanford, Colorado, May 2, 1889 and grew to manhood there. Started driving the cows to pasture in the morning and home at night at the age of four. Started to milk and feed them at the age of six. Started to do farm work in the field during summer vacations from school at age nine. At age twelve, father being manager of the co-op store, it was my job to haul all the produce, such as butter and eggs to the railroad to be shipped to market and merchandise from the railroad to the store to be sold to the customers. At age sixteen, father obtained the contract to haul the mail from the railroad to the Sanford post office. Then I made the trip every morning and night, hauling the mail along with the produce and freight for the store.

In 1909, father sold out all his possessions in Colorado and took his family with him to Provo, Utah, to give

his children the advantages of the schooling offered by the Brigham Young University. I had completed the eight grades of elementary school and did one year of high school work in Colorado and in the spring of 1912 was graduated from the commercial department of the B. Y. U. About that time I received a call to go on a mission and left in October for Japan where I labored for four and a half years.

On my return I found a very nice and loving young lady, Ethel Cluff, a daughter of one of Provo's most prominent families, just waiting for a husband. I was very happy when she consented to let me be the lucky man, and we were married in the Salt Lake Temple, October 31, 1917. I had taken a civil service examination for accountant and received my appointment in the navy department. The United States had entered the war between Germany and Great Britain, and in my civil service status, I was still subject to be drafted into the army. My country was at war and needed all of its men, and I was willing to give it all the service I could, but preferred to give it in the navy than in the army, and therefore enlisted in the navy in February of 1918 and was sent to Newport, R. I., for training. My wife also went to Newport and rented a room in town and came to see me often and I would go and spend the time with her as often as I could get liberty from the training station. After completing the course of training in the Yeoman school and because of my knowledge of shorthand I was given the rating of Yeoman 2nd Class and detailed to the engineers office.

After the armistice was signed, I was demobilized and returned to Provo. But since it was impossible to find employment of any kind there, we went up into Idaho where I hired out to work for a farmer named

Nicholson at Filer. I worked for him all summer and took a civil service examination for R.F.D. carrier and got my appointment effective November 1, 1919. In January of 1921, an examination was announced for railway mail clerks, and thinking that such employment was more suitable to my ability I took it and passed and received my appointment the following May 13. I had to work as a substitute, taking out runs for regular clerks when they were sick, or off on annual leave until February of 1924 when I was appointed a regular clerk on the Pocatello and Buhl RPO. (Railway Post Office).

In 1926, I transferred to the Green River & Pocatello RPO because of the higher classification and consequent possibilities for promotion. In 1930 I transferred to the Ogden, Utah, terminal RPO because mother had died while I was so far away that I could not come to see her in her last illness and father's health was not very good and he seemed so lonesome. But terminal work seemed very monotonous after so many years of road work and in 1931 there was a vacancy on the Salt Lake & Marysvale RPO to which I transferred, and then after eight years on that line saw more opportunity for advancement on the main line so transferred to the Denver & Ogden WD RPO, and there I intend to stay all the rest of my active life.

While living in Buhl I was Ward Clerk and very active in church work, holding six different assignments for a while. While living in Pocatello I became president of the elders' quorum, and again when I returned to Provo. I am proud of my church work and have found the greatest happiness of my life came from following strictly church teachings.

## LIFE OF LEWIS OLSEN CROWTHER

BY HIS BROTHER, ARTHUR

Lewis Olsen Crowther was born at Fountain Green, Utah, January 16, 1893, and shortly after returned with his mother to their home and his father in Sanford, Colorado, where he grew in usefulness and attended the district schools there. His father had quite a lot of farming land, but being justice of the peace, postmaster, and manager of the co-op store, he could not spare much time to farming, so at a very early age, Arthur and Lewis were sent out to work the farm. They had a good team of gentle mares, Polly and Pet, and when Arthur was about to turn nine years old and Lewis was only six they would go out and Lewis drive the team and Arthur hold the plow and the land was cultivated. In the fall when the grain was ripe, the father was called to the county seat for jury duty, and the children, Grace, Arthur and Lewis had to look after the store. They received the butter and eggs from the farmers and delivered the goods and had a real big day of it. At night they were standing by the tobacco and remembered how it looked to see some older people chew tobacco and shock up grain with great ease, and knowing they had five acres waiting for them to shock up the next day, they supplied themselves with a liberal quantity of both chewing and smoking, and next morning they started out early to shock up the wheat. But the tobacco made them so sick that all they could do was lay down on the bundles in the hot sun and vomit all day long. In the evening after the father had closed the store, he went down to the field and found them in their misery and took them home and gave them some good fatherly advice which they remembered all their lives. They do not recom-



mend tobacco, neither chewing nor smoking, to any one.

In the year 1909 they moved with their parents to Provo where they both attended and graduated from the high school department of the Brigham Young University, Lewis going out in agriculture. He took up wrestling for recreation and was presented in many meets and prize money he got that way helped support his brother, Arthur, while on a mission in Japan.

After finishing high school at the B. Y. U. he married one of Provo's nice and beautiful girls, Winnie MacDaniel, and they moved to Richfield, Idaho, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. Also family raising, for to them was born two sons and a daughter: Raymond Lewis, Frank McDaniel, and Mary Louise. He loved his family and always saw to it that they had proper recreation and spent much time with them in the search of proper recreation. This led him into the job of being supervisor of the 4-H club of that district and all the young boys of the neighborhood would look forward with longing for the night when they should meet at his home and hold their 4-H club meetings. The most striking case of co-operation between father and son I ever saw in my life was when I visited him one summer at his sheep camp on the banks of the Middle Fork of the Snake River.

## PERSONAL SKETCH OF ESTHER JANE CROWTHER LONG

May 5, 1942

I was born in Sanford, Colorado, October 1, 1895, daughter of James F. and Mary Olsen Crowther. My schooling began in Sanford. In 1909, my parents, with their children, moved to Provo, Utah, where I con-



tinued my education and where I have lived ever since.

In 1914, I was married to Ernest Long of Provo and we have been blessed with one daughter, Cleo Long Martin, and two sons, Jesse and Richard Long. I am of light complexion with blue eyes and blonde hair, about five feet eight inches tall and weigh 165 pounds. I have always enjoyed good health. I have always worked in my church, having held the following positions: primary president in the Pleasant View ward, secretary of the YLMIA in the Provo Fifth ward, Religion Class and Primary teacher in the Manavu ward, and magazine agent and relief society block teacher in Manavu ward.

I have seen my son, Jesse, fill a very successful mission in the southern states, which is a joy to me. My daughter, Cleo, is a graduate nurse.

I have always been proud to be a member of the Crowther family and never cease to be thankful that my grandparents joined the Latter-day Saint Church in England and came to Utah to make their home.

The Crowther family feel that they have been greatly blessed of the Lord and believe that if they serve him to the best of their ability he will bless them with everything they ever need. They have sent many sons on missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Jesse Long, a great grandson of Thomas Crowther, being on a mission when this book is published, wrote a letter to his mother which seems to portray an attitude which is typical of the Crowther missionary. To show the enthusiasm and devotion that letter is quoted herewith:

Abbeville, S. C., May 1, 1942

Dear Folks:

This has been the very happiest week of my entire life. Words just cannot seem to say what I want to tell

you in this letter. I received your letter Wednesday with the money in it, and I was very glad to hear from you and know that you are all right. Thanks a million for the money, it just came in the nick of time for me.

Last Saturday we left for Newberry to work over there, over the week end. When we got to Newberry we made arrangements to have a baptismal service for Sunday and baptize those three people in Newberry that I had been teaching the gospel to. But when I got up to our only member's house, I found that she had been sick in bed all week and it would be impossible to baptize her family unless she could go with them. My hopes sank at this news, but I never gave up. I promised her that she would be made well and would be able to go and help with the baptismal service and see part of her own family baptized. That night she got out of bed and the next morning, my companion and I and Sister Donalds and her two oldest children, and Sister Cordle, who is a jeweler's wife, left for Winnsborro, S. C., and there held a service, and I baptized all three of them. It was a happy day, both for them and for myself. They are all strong members in the church and it was harvesting the fruits of my three months' labor in Newberry. It was through the power of God, and not any power of my own that I was able to do this thing. I came back to Abbeville Monday and was the happiest boy in the entire Southland. But I still had more to do. I had four more baptisms coming up right here in Abbeville.

This past Wednesday at five o'clock, on the banks of a large river near Abbeville, we held a wonderful open air meeting. We had about forty non-members and about forty members there to see a "Mormon Baptismal Service." It was a very hot afternoon and it really

made everything fine. President Shea preached at the meeting and then I went into the water and baptized four more of my own converts. That makes seven this week and eighteen for my mission so far, and I think that I still will get some more before I return to you. It really made me happy to baptize these people this week. I contacted every one of them and have been the instrument in the hands of the Lord in teaching them the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ. All seven of them are very prominent people in Abbeville, and Newberry and that is a great help to the church. The four I baptized in Abbeville were all old people. Sister Pruitt was seventy-two years old and was made well and strong as she came out of the waters of baptism. Sister Boswell was seventy and she is one of Abbeville's most brilliant women. Sister Boswell's daughter is thirty and she is a very good piano player and a very smart young lady. I then baptized Sister Pruitt's son, who is fifty and that made the four of them. I also confirmed five out of seven members of the church, at their request, and permission being granted me to do that.

But the saddest news of all is that I am leaving Abbeville this Saturday. My work in this town is finished and I am leaving for Greenville, South Carolina, tomorrow morning. Greenville is about the largest city in South Carolina and I am going up there to work with the local missionaries and try to get them on the go before I go home. President Shea gave me my transfer yesterday and I am busy today packing and getting ready to leave town. I have worked in this town for nearly a year now and have seen forty of my contacts baptized into the church within that year's labor, so you can see that the Lord is greatly blessing me and I am harvesting the fruits of my hard labors in the mission

field. I know that this is in answer to both your prayers and mine. I am grateful and thankful that the Lord has answered our prayers and I want to thank you for helping me to put over the biggest thing that ever happened in my life.

Tonight the branch is having an open air picnic for me, and they are really going to have a time. I don't know exactly what is going to take place but from what I hear, they are really going to have a time. A fish fry and a steak fry. Since coming into the mission field I have learned how to eat certain kinds of fish so I will enjoy this fry tonight. I dearly love these people in this branch at Abbeville and it is going to be a hard job to leave them tomorrow morning. But I will get to come back three or four times more before I come home, so that won't be so bad.

Yesterday President Shea and I walked about twenty-five miles and held three cottage meetings and we were really tired when we got home last night. But we both got another thrill when we met a Sister Botts, that I had been teaching the gospel to, and she came up to me and told me that she wanted me to baptize her before I returned to the West. She is the leading lady in the Methodist church here in Abbeville, and would really be a great asset to our branch here. That thrilled me right to the toes to hear that good sister say those words. She is a wonderful woman, and I know will be a great missionary when I do get her baptized. So before I go home I am going to come back to Abbeville and baptize her and another lady, and that will just about wind up my converts.

How is dear old dad? Tell him hello for me, and tell him that I am doing fine, and that I am working my heart and soul out to get my work done out here



before I come home. Tell Richard hello for me and tell him that I will soon be seeing him, and for him to get in and practice on that trombone.

May the Lord's choicest blessings be with you at all times.

Jesse.

## BIOGRAPHY OF OSMOND CRANDALL CROWTHER

I was born August 13, 1898, in Sanford, Conejos County, Colorado, while my father was on a mission for his church in the Southern States. Upon hearing of the birth of his son, my father sent my name home, Osmond being the name of the first child he blessed while on his mission, and Crandall being the name of the missionary companion. Mother liked the name and I was given it. I remember of mother thanking my Uncle Thomas Crowther for the help and kindness shown her during the burdens incident to my early childhood while father was away from home on his mission.

My earliest memories are of living in Sanford and of father managing the town mercantile store. Later I remember moving to a farm north of Sanford where I spent my early childhood, walking to town to school. In 1909 I moved to Provo, Utah, along with the family, where I attended grade school in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer. I also completed high school at the Brigham Young University. In 1915 I got a job with the Schofield Auto Company, and worked as auto mechanic for over three years, working up to be head mechanic.

In October, 1918, I joined the United States Army in World War No. 1, and having had musical training,



I played in the band and was appointed company bugler and company clerk. At first I was excused from the manual of arms training, but liked bugling so much that my practicing bothered the captain and he ordered me to attend all regular drills, which I did. I was demobilized in December of 1918, having spent all of my army time in training camps.

I again entered the garage business, but in the spring of 1919 I was forcibly inspired by the spirit of the Lord with a desire to fulfill a mission. I was called to the British mission, but due to passport complications following the war, my call was changed to the Eastern States. I left Provo, in November of 1919 and worked in Brooklyn and New York City, New York, and Hoboken, New Jersey, until July, 1920, filling the position of Hoboken Branch President during March and April. In July, I was transferred to the British mission, but when I went to the steamship company to get my reservation to go to England, I was informed it would be October or November before I could get a reservation. However, upon going down to the docks, I found that SS Mauritania was short of men for its crew, so Elder Wilford Owen Woodruff and I joined the seaman's union as firemen and worked our way to Liverpool. Shoveling coal was real hard work, but we worked four hours and then rested eight. We both felt a touch of seasickness, but had to keep up our work just the same. The pleasing thing was that when we landed at Liverpool we had earned about one hundred dollars instead of spending that much for passage, which helped our missionary work considerable. In England, I labored in Liverpool, London, Scotland, and Newcastle conferences. After being released in 1922, I visited France, Belgium and Holland and Canada. I also stayed two

weeks around Birmingham, England, looking for genealogy and visiting the places my ancestors came from.

I returned home in July, 1922, and worked at accounting and selling clothing in the summers and attended the Brigham Young University, majoring in accounting and music for three years. On December 1, 1924, I was married to Idena Jensen, of Fountain Green. We lived in Provo, where I continued in school until June of 1925 when we moved to Fountain Green and I engaged in the garage business, also operating a garage in Mount Pleasant, until 1932 when I disposed of my garages and entered the sheep raising business.

I was ordained Bishop of Fountain Green Ward in June of 1929, and was released in 1932. I was elected to the Fountain Green city council in 1938 and served until I was elected mayor in 1942. Of all the work and service I have performed, I believe I have reaped more joy and satisfaction from my services as a bishop.

### SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF ISRAEL EARL CROWTHER May 6, 1942

I was born in the town of Sanford, Colorado, on August 27, 1901, the seventh child in the family of nine of James Franklin and Mary Olsen Crowther. Memories of my childhood include moving to the ranch at age two, starting to school in the old red school house at Sanford at the age of six, having my eldest sister for one of my teachers, herding cows and sheep out on the prairie, fishing for water dogs in the pond, and being tucked into bed by mother or father at night in the old log house when the blizzard was howling outside.

In September of 1909, my father sold the ranch and

moved the family to Provo, Utah, so that we might have a better opportunity for education and closer association with the church. For this move I am most thankful as I look back on my life at the age of forty. I must here also remember to give my mother credit for influencing this move and for her extreme patience and tender love and guidance during these formative years of my life.

My father again took up farming, acquiring considerable land on which we boys were kept busy until our maturity.

In 1920, my brother Lewis and I, having formed a partnership, moved to Richfield, Idaho, where we engaged in dry farming for about five years, but had only moderate success, gaining much in experience but losing some financially. My education had proceeded pretty much on schedule until by the spring of 1924 I had completed one year of college work at the B. Y. U. In April 15, 1924, I responded to a call to the California mission, where I labored for 26 months in the Nevada Conference; the last six months as conference president. Upon my return June 10, 1926, I again went to Idaho to work during the summer and attended the B. Y. U. during the winter, taking a business course and participating in football and wrestling.

On June 22, 1927, I was married to Ruth Elizabeth Wintch by my uncle, Lewis Anderson, in the Manti Temple. This was a memorable day in my life as we had been childhood sweethearts and both had filled missions for the church and now were united for time and eternity.

To bless our union, eight children have been given to our keeping. Loree, Earl James, Norma Jean, Dolores Ruth, Richard Kenneth, Glen Wintch, Lois, and Thomas

Henry. Two have died, Loree at birth and Richard, when about three years old.

The first three years of married life we lived in Richfield, Idaho, where we both took an active part in church work. In 1930 we returned to Provo, locating in the fifth ward. Here I served in the Sunday School superintendency, and as ward clerk for nine years.

I am thankful for the heritage of my parents and for the faithful devotion of my wife and the love of my children. It seems to me that these are the things that really make life worth while.

### BRIEF LIFE SKETCH OF RAY ELDON CROWTHER

I was born at Sanford, Colorado, on June 4, 1906, and moved to Provo, Utah, when three years old. Here I grew to boyhood and manhood with the normal experiences and enthusiasms of impatient youth. Grade school, high school and college were all completed in Provo. After the third year at Brigham Young University, I had ambitions and arrangements made to enter the United States School of Aviation. A call to fill a mission to Great Britain cancelled all previous plans. I left September 15, 1928, for England. Here as a missionary, two of the most absorbing and educational years of my life were spent. My mother and father both died during this interval. Following my release, a hurried trip through the major European countries before returning home was a fascinating study of the people and customs of the old world. Enroute home a visit to the place of my birth in Colorado was made, the first since leaving some twenty years before.

Entering school again at Brigham Young Univer-

sity, I graduated June, 1931. Continued study the next year at New York University and received a Master of Science degree in business June, 1932. A short vacation afforded time to visit Utah long enough to get married to Miss Nelda Beck of Nephi, Utah, on August 17, 1932.

Anxious to make my future home near my own people, the following year found me in Los Angeles, California, and later Utah, where additional schooling in preparation for a life of teaching was completed. My teaching career began in high school at Provo, Utah, in 1934, and has occupied my greater time and interest for the past years while engaged in this profession.





Wm. H. Kirby, Emmaline M. Crowther and Family

## EMMALINE MELISSA CROWTHER

Your lips were unafraid, you did not ask  
"Why must I leave my home  
And go across the wind-swept prairie  
To a land unknown?"

Unquestioning—your baby at your breast,  
Another, scarce more than babe, with tiny feet to  
plod:

Your young bright head flung high with courage,  
You followed, then your husband and your God.

A rattling wagon held a hand pieced quilt,  
Some rose sprigged china plates, a yard of cherished  
lace,

A vase, a rocker and a spinning wheel;  
You'd need them all in that far place.

Beside the campfire's acrid smell of burning sage,  
You gathered close your own,  
And in your fearless eyes began a dream,  
A dream of home.

A one room cottage built of logs and mud?  
A shining place for a queen to come?  
You found it not too small, too ugly for your love,  
You made it home.

A heritage you left for us—a shining trail  
Of faith and strength, of courage, dreams come true:  
God give us faith and strength and courage now,  
To follow you.

These lines by Beatrice Parsons are more than a  
refrain of a song. They are the refrain of Mother Emma-

line Melissa Crowther Kirby's own beautiful life—living and working for others was her pattern for living.

Mother Emmaline Melissa Crowther was born June 25, 1862, at Fountain Green, Utah, the fourth child of Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes.

"Fortunate was she to grow up in a family whose foundation for family life was built on the love for one another, strength to do the task at hand and faith to carry on. From the hearth fire of this modest pioneer home, there was a love for learning, culture and music that radiated far beyond their humble family circle. It was in this home environment that father William Kirby, met and loved our dear mother. They were married June 5, 1879, in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Endowment House.

With the heritage of love that she received from her pioneer home, mother was not long in transforming the little log house into a home, for she possessed characteristics and skills which made her a home builder of the first order. Some of the outstanding qualities of mother was her understanding, tolerance, gentle patience and courage.

A boy, William Thomas, was born November 17, 1881. In the spring of 1883, father received a call to fill a mission to the Southern States. Mother had need of faith and courage when she urged father to accept the call, for a child was to be in the fall. Father labored as a missionary in Georgia and Tennessee. He was very humble, and a man of great faith. He made many friends, and through his efforts many people accepted the Gospel and he had the privilege of baptizing several people. After eighteen months of service as a missionary, father was transferred to the San Luis Stake in Colorado, where the southern saints were advised to gather and

help to colonize settlements in the San Luis Valley. The last three months of father's mission were spent in helping the southern saints in their new home in the West, and a good work was accomplished among the southern converts, both in a spiritual and temporal way. These people had to be taught the art of irrigation, planting



William H. Kirby

and gathering of crops, for conditions were so different in Colorado than they were in their southern homes.

Many are the words of praise that these southern saints have spoken to us children of the honesty, integrity and thrift of our father, for he was a man who lived

what he taught. During the absence of father, mother gave birth to a girl, Mary Jane, September 1, 1883. She lived in their little home, and not only took care of her two babies, but worked in different ways to earn money to send to father that he might continue with his missionary service. When father returned home, there were three to welcome him: mother, William, and Mary, the child who was born during his absence, and the good people of the ward who rejoiced at the return of the young missionary.

Father was very favorably impressed with Colorado, and shortly after returning home, mother and he made preparations to move to Colorado. They disposed of what property they had, buying horses, wagons, and provisions for the trip. Mother was saddened because of leaving her dear parents, but had the hope that at some future time the family might be reunited. They loaded two wagons with provisions and what belongings two wagons would hold, and set out into an unknown country, father driving one team and Uncle Will Crowther, mother's brother of seventeen years, driving the other team for father.

Their journey to Colorado was a long and hard one. Streams to cross, rivers to be ferried over, and roads built as they went along across mountains and prairies. They heard of many bands of Indians, but were not molested by them. The trip was not without its pleasures, the scenery being beautiful, game being plentiful. They were on the road one month and three days and these weary people were happy when they reached the Valley on September 1, 1885. The people of the little settlement of Richfield were very kind to father and his family, for kindness and brotherly love existed among these pioneer saints.



Father rented a dugout, where they lived throughout the winter months. Later, upon the advice of the Church leaders, they moved to Sanford, and their little log home was the second house to be built in that settlement. And to this humble little home another baby girl, Bertha Emmaline, was born Aug. 30, 1886, the first girl to be born in Sanford, Colo.

Father purchased land and put in a crop. Mother's gift for homemaking asserted itself—rag carpets, crochet tidies and curtains adorned her home. Father was chosen to be one of the superintendents of the Sunday School, which position he held for several years, and because of his great faith was often called to administer to the sick. Although mother did not hold any high position in the Church, she always encouraged father in his public work. But wherever there was sickness and trouble in the little settlement, mother was there to give help and comfort, even in homes where there were contagious diseases. She would go and help, always taking every precaution when she returned, not to carry any contagious germs to our family. She was skilled in the art of cooking, and her cooking will long be remembered by her relatives and friends.

In the year 1888 on May 12th, a second son was born, Alma Leroy. Time moved on: planting, reaping of crops and taking care of the children keeping father and mother busy. On January 16, 1891, a daughter, Nellie May, was born. This beautiful little girl added to the joy of the family, and later, on Dec. 11, 1895, the third son, Parley, was born.

Thrift and industry were part of their pioneer home, and they were beginning to see the fruits of their labor when father met with a terrible accident, receiving a

blow on his head which caused an affliction which lasted as long as he lived. For thirteen years, father was a helpless invalid, and mother and the children had to assume the responsibilities of earning a living.

During this period, the noble traits of character of mother showed themselves. Patience and love sealed her lips to any complaint. Her devotion to her loved ones asserted itself during the long years she cared for her invalid husband and no labor was ever too hard, for she never spared herself to make life better for her family. Father passed on to his rest Aug. 6, 1910. After father's death, life went on in the home and mother's counsel for right living was impressed upon her children. Three of the children were married, and had assumed responsibilities of their own. Mother was greatly blessed by having her parents, brothers and sisters near her, and they were a great comfort to her in her trouble and sorrow.

In 1912, mother married Henry Stover, and took his two children by a previous marriage into her home, and proved herself to be a good mother to them up to the time of her death.

Mother suffered many trials and hardships during her life, but her goodness will live in the hearts of her children and friends throughout all eternity. She died October 4, 1917, and was laid to rest in the Sanford cemetery. Her children and grandchildren appreciate the heritage their noble parents left them and are trying to carry on. Will, Mary, and May have joined their parents in the Great Beyond. Mary's husband, Lymon Carter, and Bertha and her husband, Ira Luster, and their families are taking active part in the Mesita branch of the Latter-day Saints' church. May's husband, Eulice

Guthrie, served as presiding elder of the Alamosa branch and is now bishop of the Alamosa Ward. May's son, Alma Guthrie, filled a mission to Holland and accomplished much good. Before Will died, he helped to establish a branch of the church in Alamosa and took an active part. Since his death, his wife, Florence, and his children, are helping to carry on the work.

Alma Leroy is counselor to the superintendent of the Sanford Sunday School. His wife, Leah, and their children are working in both Stake and Ward and auxiliary organizations. Their son, Allen, is outstanding in music ability and educational circles. Fred, their second son, is in the service of our country.

Parley and his family, living in California, take an active interest in geneological work and other Ward activities. Their son, Norval, is outstanding as a supervisor of the Aaronic Priesthood. Their third son, Howard, is in the service of our country. The children and grandchildren of Mother Kirby are without one exception some of the finest citizens of both Church and State.

Leah Kirby, Historian

## EMMALINE M. CROWTHER AND HER POSTERITY

- 2-5 Emmaline Malissa Crowther, b. 25 June, 1862, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 5 June, 1879, Salt Lake City, Utah, William Henry Kirby, b. 15 Aug., 1856, Manti, Utah, son of Thomas James Kirby and Mary Ann Duffin, both of England. Six children born to them.
- 3-1 William Thomas Kirby, b. 17 Nov., 1881, Fountain Green, Utah. M. \_\_\_\_\_, d. 26 May, 1926, Flossie Bailey, b. 29 Jan., 1883, Cassandre, Georgia, daughter of William Dixon Baily and Martha J. Coxwell. Four children born to them. Reside at Alamosa, Colo.

- 4-1 Herbert Ray Kirby, b. 29 Nov., 1907, Alamosa, Colo., d. 16 May, 1926, Alamosa, Colo.
  - 2 Fern Kirby, b. 8 Oct., 1910, Alamosa, Colo.
  - 3 Kenneth Kirby, b. 13 July, 1913, Alamosa, Colo.
  - 4 Nadine Kirby, b. 31 Dec., 1915, Alamosa, Colo.
- 3-2 Mary Jane Kirby, b. 17 Sept., 1883, Ftn. Green, Utah, m. 10 April, 1902, Manti Temple, Utah, Lymon W. Carter, b. 6 Aug., 1878, Beaver, Utah, son of John S. Carter and Martha Gibbons. Eight children were born to them.
- 4-1 Amy Carter, b. 11 Nov., 1905, Sanford, Colo., m. 26 Nov., 1928, Clarence Crosser, b. 1 Feb., 1895, son of Thomas Crosser and Priscilla Jones.
  - 2 Willard Leroy Carter, b. 6 Jan., 1908, Sanford, Colo., d. 11 March, 1912, accident.
  - 3 Stanley Kirby Carter, b. 7 Nov., 1910, Sanford, Colo, m. 22 Dec., 1933, Elsie Rae Mickelsen, daughter of Rasmus Mickelsen and Ellis Cornum, b. 26 Sept., 1910. Two children.
- 5-1 Deanna Jane Carter, b. 27 March, 1937.
- 5-2 Karen Rae Carter, b. 20 July, 1941.
  - 4 Franklin Kirby Carter, b. 16 May, 1912, Sanford, Colo., m. 29 Sept., 1935, Hellen Ethel Earle, at Alamosa, Colo., (one child), daughter of Bergerman Earle and Carie K. James.
- 5-1 David Lymon Carter, b. 11 March, 1937, Mesita, Colo.
- 4-5 Earl Kirby Carter, b. 29 Aug., 1916, Mesita, Colo., m. 4 June, 1938, La Vaun Bailey, b. 13 March, 1917, daughter of Ruben J. Bailey and Jane DePriest. One child.
- 5-1 Earl Vaun Carter, b. 19 Sept., 1939, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-6 Mary Carter, b. 27 June, 1918, Mesita, Colo., m. 2 Jan., 1936, Harry Larsen, b. 21 Nov., 1914, son of Hans C. Larsen and Mary Peterson. Three children.
- 5-1 Harry Carter Larsen, b. 6 Oct., 1936, Alamosa, Colo.
  - 2 Richard Larsen, b. 24 May, 1938, Alamosa, Colo.
- 5-3 Donald Glen Larsen, b. 18 Feb., 1940, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-7 Stella Carter, b. 19 Jan., 1920, m. 15 Sept., 1940, Taos, New Mex., later Arizona Temple, Elwin Franklin Parker, b. 9 July, 1920, son of Benjamin Parker and Emma Christensen. One child.
- 5-1 Stella Jenine Parker, b. 14 June, 1941, Manassa, Colo.
- 4-8 Edward Kirby Carter, b. 12 Sept., 1922, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-3 Bertha E. Kirby, b. 30 Aug., 1886, Sanford, Colo., m. 27



- June, 1906, Sanford, Colo., Ira C. Luster, b. 4 July, 1883, Hawkins Co., Tenn., son of Samuel Patson Luster and Bathsheba Tate. To them were born 11 children. They reside at Mesita, Colo. Occupation, farming.
- 4-1 William Ira Luster, b. 26 Nov., 1907, Sanford, Colo., d. 26 Nov., 1907.
- 2 Zelda Luster, b. 18 June, 1909, Sanford, Colo., m. 16 Sept., 1927, Gus Buhr, b. 20 March, 1905, Watson, Missouri, son of Joseph Buhr and Margaret Leismann. Three children born to them. Reside at Mesita, Colo.
- 5-1 Edward Buhr, b. 18 June, 1930, San Acasio, Colo.
- 2 Joseph Buhr, b. 4 Jan., 1934, San Acasio, Colo., d. 4 Oct., 1934.
- 3 Margaret Buhr, b. 18 Nov., 1935, San Acasio, Colo.
- 4-3 Donald Luster, b. 19 Feb., 1911, Sanford, Colo., d. 19 Feb., 1911.
- 4-4 Barsha Emmaline Luster, b. 4 Jan., 1912, Sanford, Colo., m. 13 Nov., 1931, Taos, New Mex., Clayton Edwin Williams, b. 23 Sept., 1907, Weeping Water, Nebraska, son of Edwin Woodruff Williams and Nettie Louise Hoback. Two children.
- 5-1 Dorathy Mae Williams, b. 7 Aug., 1932, Mesita, Colo., d. 7 Aug., 1932.
- 2 Robert Leslie Williams, b. 4 March, 1937, San Acasio, Colo.
- 4-5 Albert C. Luster, b. 20 Jan., 1914, Mesita, Colo., m. 20 Nov., 1937, June Lossaine Williams, b. 5 July, 1919, Mossill, Neb., daughter of Edwin Woodruff Williams and Nettie Louise Hoback. Two children. Reside at Mesita, Colo.
- 5-1 Jack Williams Luster, b. 14 Nov., 1938, Mesita, Colo.
- 5-2 Albert L. Luster, b. 20 Nov., 1941, Mesita, Colo.
- 4-6 Alberta Luster, b. 20 Jan., 1914, twin, d. 20 Jan., 1914.
- 4-7 Reetha Luster, b. 13 Jan., 1915, Mesita, Colo., m. 11 May, 1935, Sanford, Colo., Cecil Floyd Crounk, b. 13 May, 1915, Rocky Ford, Colo., son of Bert William Crounk and Willa Cleo Coleman. Two children. Reside Mesita, Colo.
- 5-1 Rertha Willene Crounk, b. 20 Aug., 1936, Mesita, Colo.
- 2 Ila Maxine Crounk, b. 13 Sept., 1937, Antonito, Colo.
- 4-8 Mary Helen Luster, b. 11 Nov., 1916, Mesita, Colo., m. 16 Dec., 1935, Nortonville, Colo., Carl Larsen, b. 16 Dec., 1915, Omaha, Nebr., son of Hans Antone Larsen and Mary Pet-



ersen. Three children born to them. Reside at San Acasio, Colo.

- 5-1 Patricia Leon Larsen, b. 18 May, 1937, San Acasio, Colo.  
 2 Carolyn Jane Larsen, b. 29 March, 1938, San Acasio, Colo.  
 3 Betty Ann Larsen, b. 21 Jan., 1941, San Acasio, Colo.
- 4-9 Elsa Luster, b. 10 Feb., 1919, Mesita, Colo., m. 2 July, 1937, Woodrow Wilson Ford, b. 1 March, 1914, son of George Ford and Cora White. Two children. Reside Mesita, Colo.
- 5-1 Lenora Raye Ford, b. 3 Oct., 1939, Mesita, Colo.  
 2 Norma Gene Ford, b. 12 June, 1941, Mesita, Colo.
- 4-10 Viola Luster, b. 15 June, 1920, Mesita, Colo., m. 19 Sept., 1938, James S. Ford, son of George Ford and Cora White. Two children.  
 Nellie May Ford, b. 18 Feb., 1940.  
 James Reuben Ford, b. 4 Feb., 1941.
- 3-4 Alma Leroy Kirby, b. 12 May, 1888, Sanford, Colo., m. Leah Block, b. 10 Aug., 1894, daughter of Chris J. Block and Boletta Paulson. She wrote the sketch of Emmaline M. Crowther and assisted in the sketch of Thomas A. Crowther. Reside at Sanford, Colo. Five children were born to them. Farmer—a good man.
- 4-1 Leroy Allen Kirby, b. 6 Oct., 1916, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_, Lois Ellen Duxted, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, b. 21 Sept., 1916. One child. School teacher and musician, was Allen Kirby.
- 5-1 Sylvia Gay Kirby, b. 6 April, 1940.
- 4-2 Helen Lucy Kirby, b. 7 July, 1918, Sanford, Colo.  
 3 Fred B. Kirby, b. 27 May, 1921, Sanford, Colo.  
 4 Virginia Kirby, b. 3 May, 1924, Sanford, Colo.  
 5 Norma June Kirby, b. 24 June, 1931, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-5 Nellie May Kirby, b. 18 Jan., 1892, Sanford, Colo., d. 31 March, 1918, bur. Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_ Eules Ross Guthrie, b. 13 April, 1889, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. He m. \_\_\_\_\_. He is L.D.S. bishop of Alamosa Ward, San Luis Stake. Three children were born to first wife.
- 4-1 Alma Ross Guthrie, b. 12 May, 1913, Alamosa, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_. Filled a mission for the L.D.S. Church in Holland.

- 4-2 Doris Mae Guthrie, b. 1 June, 1914, Alamosa, Colo., d. \_\_\_\_\_, 1941, Provo, Utah, m. Myron Morgan Thomas, son of Joseph F. Thomas and Ethel Mickelsen, 15 Aug., 1933, Salt Lake Temple. One child.
- 5-1 Haynes Morgan Thomas, b. 9 Aug., 1934, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-3 Erma Lee Guthrie, b. 17 May, 1917, Alamosa, Colo.
- 3-6 Parley Kirby, b. 11 Dec., 1895, Sanford, Colo., m. 1915, Bettina Holt, b. 24 May, 1898, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Holt and Lula Hutchins. Seven children. Reside at Bakersfield, Cal.
- 4-1 Norval Kirby, b. 11 June, 1916, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_ Lois Morris. Two children.
- 5-1 Ronnold David Kirby, b. 14 Aug., 1936.
- 2 Karen Marie Kirby, b. 31 Aug., 1940.
- 4-2 Ivan Kirby, b. 23 April, 1918, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-3 Howard Kirby, 15 Oct., 1919, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4 Lola Marie Kirby, b. 8 May, 1921, Alamosa, Colo., m. 6 Oct., 1940, William Mack Parker, b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 William H. Kirby, b. 28 March, 1924, Bell, Calif.
- 6 Eldon Ray Kirby, b. 31 Jan., 1926, Bell, Calif.
- 7 Ivan S. Kirby, b. 29 March, 1929, Bell, Calif.

## A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF LAURA MARIA CROWTHER MORGAN

WRITTEN BY HER DAUGHTER, PEARL MORGAN DANIELS  
AND HER GRANDDAUGHTER, LAURA MORGAN HARMSSEN

Laura Maria Crowther was born in Fountain Green, Utah, on March 25, 1864—the daughter of Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes and the sixth child. In this history sketch she will be called “Aunt Laura.”

She spent her childhood and grew to maturity in Fountain Green with her father, mother, brothers and sisters. She went to school and received the best education that Fountain Green afforded. There were no free schools at that time and only three months of school a year with a tuition fee of from one dollar for

the younger children up to two dollars and a half a month for the older children for each child. At home, she was taught the arts of homemaking—sewing, cooking and housekeeping at which she excelled.

Growing up in a home where the father and mother were deeply religious and taught the gospel to their children, she always had a great love and appreciation of her church. It came very naturally for her to attend Sunday School and Sacrament meeting, not only as a child, but all of her life. There was no Primary when she was a girl but she attended Mutual regularly.

Having three brothers and six sisters, Aunt Laura had plenty of companionship and she loved them all dearly. Her brothers liked to tease her, which was a natural thing, and Uncle Tommy once said to vex her, that when she was married he would cut the buttons off her children's clothes. She often told this before him and her children and they all laughed together.

Since Uncle Will was just younger they played together in childhood and there was always a close tie between them. One time they were playing and he had to cut some wood for the playhouse. She was stooping down, gathering it up as fast as he cut it, and somehow she got under the ax and he cut quite a piece out of the top of her head. It bled freely and nearly frightened him to death as he thought he had killed her. She always bore this scar, but the hair grew back over it.

She was a beautiful girl with a fair complexion, eyes as blue as the sky above and her golden brown hair was long and thick. She was of average height and a strong, healthy girl. She weighed 160 pounds in her youth and was a big woman, but light on her feet. She was always active, even past middle age. Aunt Sarah Jane loved

to tell Aunt Laura's children what a beautiful girl their mother had been. At the age of 74, when she passed away, her face still bore the marks of a clear, pure beauty. Death never robbed her of the beauty that had been hers in life.

In those days children were taught to work and the older children often helped away from home when it was possible to earn what they could to help with the younger children. So it was that she "worked out" some. Since Fountain Green was a small town, the only opportunity open to girls was house work. She often went early in the morning, washing on a board, scrubbing board floors and working hard all day for twenty-five cents, which she turned over to her mother to help with the rest of the family.

She was born with a beautiful voice and could sing like a lark when a little girl. People passing by would stop to listen and marvel at the clear, sweet, melodious notes coming from the throat of a child. Her brothers and sisters were proud of her voice and loved to hear her sing. She was always called upon to take part in entertainments in school and in socials. Having a sweet, kind, generous nature, she loved to do things to make others happy and was never selfish with her voice.

Uncle Will, who is an accomplished musician himself and has a beautiful voice, says that all of the Crowthers could sing, but her voice was the best, and if it had been trained she would have been another Jennie Lind. They would stand outside and listen to the choir and could tell her voice soaring above all of the others. Fountain Green did not have any musical training to offer until after she had moved away.

She had a girl friend named Em Miles and they went to Mutual and choir practice together. Aunt



Laura sang soprano and Em sang alto. On the way home, walking along as girls will, slowly with their arms linked together, they would sing. Their voices



George David Morgan, Laura Maria Crowther Morgan and Child

blended perfectly and as the night air caught up the song of the two sweet girlish voices and carried it along



it sounded glorious. Her brothers, sisters, and the neighbors coming along would stand outside and listen as long as the girls sang.

Aunt Laura was a joly and good natured girl and enjoyed the company of other young people, naturally she was popular and had her share of "beaus." At sixteen she was married to a neighbor boy who had courted and won her love. He was quite an athlete and a good wrestler and being an ambitious lad he had worked and saved his money so they could be married.

George David Morgan was born in Santaquin, Utah, on June 24, 1858, and was the third son of Thomas Morgan and Fanny Vizzard. He took Aunt Laura to Salt Lake City from Fountain Green and they were married Nov. 18, 1880 in the Endowment house as the temple wasn't finished then. They made the trip in their covered wagon and it took them a week.

Besides the team and wagon they had three hundred dollars, which was a neat sum in those pioneer times when money was scarce and hard to get. Uncle George had herded cattle, cut cord wood and worked on the railroad to save this "nest egg." In Fountain Green they bought a lot and built a house on it.

Here their first two children, Loretta and Frank, were born. The winter Loretta was a baby one time they got up in the middle of the night, wrapped her up warmly and carried her six blocks to Grandma Crowther, sure that something serious was wrong with her. The worried young mother was only 17 and the father 23 as they hurried along and how their hearts yearned over this small bit of humanity of their own. Grandma Crowther took the baby and examined her but could find nothing wrong, some freakish trick of baby nature had frightened them. She lay in her grandmother's

arms laughing and cooing but doing none of the strange things she had done at home. So the two young parents wrapped their treasure back up and carried her home with peace in their hearts.

Since Fountain Green was a small town and offered little chance for work, Uncle George had to be away from home part of the time. He worked wherever he could find a good honest job. After they had been married a few years, Uncle Tommy, who had been called to Colorado with several more Saints to settle there, came back to Utah on a visit. He told them what wonderful possibilities Colorado offered and how much land there was that was open for farming, and he and Aunt Mary liked it. Aunt Laura and Uncle George talked it over and decided to try it themselves.

They sold their home, packed their household effects in wagons and with their two little children started for Colorado. Two of Uncle George's brothers, Tom and John, were in the company. It was a long, slow, hard journey and the baby, Frank, forgot how to walk. They arrived in the San Luis Valley in September, just six weeks after they had left Fountain Green, and settled in Richfield. They bought 20 acres of land and built another house, and here, Jennie (Fannie Jane) was born. Uncle Tom and Uncle John Morgan lived with them for a year.

The people of Ephraim and Richfield decided, since there was so much alkali and the water wasn't good at either place, that they would meet together on the bench and settle a town. It was called Sanford. After a year spent in Richfield, Aunt Laura and Uncle George sold their land and bought a lot in Sanford. Uncle George built a two room log house and they planted apple trees

and currant bushes. The apple trees are still there but the little log house has been moved away.

In this home Hugh, Pearl, Myrtle, Jess, Wilford, Hemming and Amy were born and the children spent their childhood. It was here also that the first real sorrow came. On May 6, 1887, the oldest child, Loretta, who was five, died with brain fever. Her's was the first grave in the Sanford cemetery. Fifteen years later, April 15, 1902, Amy passed away with membranous croup and was buried by the side of her sister. Amy was the baby then and 18 months old.

Aunt Laura was very busy these first years when the children were small. All of the washing for the entire family had to be done on a wash board, the floors were scrubbed on hands and knees and the soap had to be made. Through the early years all of the clothes for the entire family had to be made by hand, all of their stockings had to be knitted. Sometime later they went into partnership with Aunt Mary and Uncle Will and bought a knitting machine and took turn about using it. In the winter mittens and wristlets had to be knitted for the men and children. The cooking was also a big problem, and she had to make every bite of bread that her family ate, skim the milk and churn the butter and she also made cheese. This cheese making was quite a process and took a lot of time.

Uncle George was a busy man, too. From the time he got up in the morning with a cheery whistle on his lips (he was always an early riser), until he went to bed, he was busy. His neighbors could always tell when Uncle George was harnessing his horses by the tune he whistled, even though it wasn't yet light enough to see. Raising a crop in those days wasn't play with the crude implements they had to use. The ground was

plowed with a walking plow, the harrow consisted of a wooden frame with iron pegs and the grain was broadcast and harrowed in. The first drills were walking drills. The harvest was all done by hand, too, there being no binders the grain was "cradled." Uncle George was known as one of the best "cradlers" in the country when he was young and could cradle five acres of grain a day.

There was romance in the life of the Morgans, even in a two-room log cabin with homemade furniture. Although Aunt Laura had her hands full with the children and household duties, somehow she always found time to make the pretty hand-made things that make a house a home. Her house was always clean and in order and crocheted and braided rugs were on the floor, there was hand work on the linens, and patchwork quilts covered her beds. With all of the beds she had to provide covers for there was never a bought quilt on them. Her windows were full of house plants in bloom. She had a knack with flowers—perhaps because she loved them so much—and they grew and bloomed beautifully for her.

Her hands were always busy and as she sat and rocked the cradle with her foot her fingers were sewing, knitting, mending, crocheting or embroidering, and she did them all nicely. As she worked she hummed a tune or sang softly. Yes, there was romance in this little home which was so full of love and tenderness—between the father and mother, between the parents and their children and between the children. They loved their home as children and today they love the memories they have of it. It was a real home where true love reigned.

Quilt making in itself was no small task, but like



others one in which she found a great deal of pleasure. First a pattern had to be decided on, then all of the scraps of cloth were laid out and the pieces cut and then they had to be pieced. When the top was put together and the lining made the bat had to be made. Wool made the warmest quilts so when the sheep were sheared so much wool was put away for quilts. This wool had to be washed, and none but those who have washed wool can appreciate the real labor there is involved in the process. After the wool was dry it had to be 'picked' and 'corded' and was then ready for the quilt. Sometimes the neighbors and relatives would be summoned to come and spend the day or afternoon "quilting," but many times they were entirely quilted by her own fingers.

They bought more land near Sanford and since Uncle George was a good farmer as well as being thrifty and industrious, they got ahead. The milk cow at the start soon turned into a herd. He always had good horses. He also was a first class butcher and it took lots of meat for a family. Besides butchering his own meat he butchered for his neighbors and also for the market. The cattle were brought to him and he got the hide, head, heart, liver and tallow for his work. He could dress a beef for the market in an hour and a half. He traded beef heads to Hugh Jones for fruit trees which were planted. Aunt Laura made soap out of the tallow.

Here is the story of how he got his first sheep. He traded old Bird (a four year old horse) to Peter Mortensen for 41 head of sheep. This was the beginning of his sheep business. Later he went into partnership with Uncle Will, Uncle Frank, and Uncle Tommy and together they bought 3,200 head of sheep from the Bond



Brothers at Espanola, N. Mex. They homesteaded land in New Mexico to run them on and were in partnership for about two years, then, the range being dry and the losses heavy, Uncle Frank and Uncle Tommy quit but Uncle George and Uncle Will stayed together with the sheep for a good many years. Frank and Hugh, being the older boys, helped herd the sheep in New Mexico. One time Hugh stayed there all summer with his cousin, Alma Crowther, and he got so homesick that he said he couldn't remember how his mother looked. Uncle George stayed in the sheep business till he sold out to the boys. After Hugh, Jess, Wilford, Hemming and Harry were married they went into the sheep business with him.

All of the years that Uncle Will and Uncle George were partners there never was an unpleasant word between them nor a bit of trouble. Uncle Will says that Uncle George was always the easiest man in the world to get along with. He was never aggressive or overbearing with anyone. Just a quiet, good natured, peaceable man, willing for everyone to have his own way. He was always a good provider and was as tender hearted as a child. He loved his wife and children very dearly and quietly enjoyed them and his home. He was a just man too, treating his neighbors as he would like to be treated.

At the Pioneer Day celebration held in Sanford July 24, 1941, Swen Petersen, a prominent business man of Sanford who had done a great deal of business with Uncle George—said in the program that George Morgan was one of the most honest men he had ever known and the best “grain cradler.”

Always a sociable family the house was usually full of company, old and young alike. All of the Crowthers,

that is Thomas and Jane Crowther and their children except Mary Ann, once lived in Sanford. Uncle Frank is the only one who took his family back to Utah. They visited back and forth and family celebrations were always in order. They all seemed like one big family, which in reality they were, and the Morgan children were so close to their cousins that they seemed like brothers and sisters. When they were together there was music and singing.

At one time they organized a "Crowther Quartette." Aunt Laura sang soprano, Aunt Zill sang alto, Uncle Will sang base and Aunt Zill's husband, Uncle Holm Mortensen, sang tenor. Since Uncle Will had had two year's musical training he was the leader. On Sundays they would all have the evening meal together at one of their homes and after the dishes were washed and put away they would sing until bedtime or after. Aunt Mary Will and Uncle George sat back enjoying the music and quietly chatting. They also met on certain nights once or twice a week to practice. This quartette was very popular and even famous. They sang at social entertainments, church programs, Stake conferences, funerals and family celebrations. They sang together for about twenty years until Aunt Zill died.

They learned and sang 19 of Will L. Thompson's compositions and also hymns and concert pieces. Harry Russell recorded a number of their songs. Three of Aunt Laura's favorites were "Whispering Hope," "The Flower Land," and "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." Aunt Laura and Uncle Will often sang duets.

In about 1900 they rented the "Hamilton ranch" which was 12 miles south of Sanford and farmed it for seven years. This ranch contained 1000 acres, 420 acres of farm land and the rest was hay meadow. They kept

their land near Sanford and farmed it too. They milked 16 cows all the time they were there and made butter and sold it to customers in Antonito. They all worked, it was a big place and there was plenty to do.

Several things of interest happened to them while they lived here. Harry, the baby of the family, was born Feb. 4, 1905. On March 15 of the same year, Frank, the oldest boy, was married. He stayed on helping with the ranch and lived over across the field. Feb. 14, 1906, their first grandson was born but died when three months old. And on Sept. 23, 1907, Myrtle died. She was the youngest girl and 17—a beautiful, jolly, lovable girl and the picture of health. She took typhoid fever and though she fought it for 28 days it sapped her strength and she passed away. She was buried in Sanford beside her two little sisters.

After Myrtle died there were too many sad memories on the ranch and the next spring they moved back to Sanford. After seven years the little log house was too small so they bought a stately, two story red brick house in the northeastern part of Sanford. They had a big vegetable garden west of the house and beyond that was an apple orchard. The house was built in the southeast corner of the lot and Aunt Laura made a flower garden in the south and east front yards.

Growing flowers came as naturally for her as did singing, it was a gift. She loved her flowers dearly and spent much time and labor on them. To repay her for the care she gave them they bloomed profusely. She could grow roses and other flowers that did not do well in this high altitude with such short seasons. There were annuals, perennials and shrubs of all kinds. She had a knack in her planning and planting arrangements and the result was magnificent.

Giving was one of the things she did best and she loved to share her flowers. Visitors carried a bouquet home with them and she cut her choicest blooms for the sick. In winter when the yard was empty the windows were full. In every house she lived her windows were full of house plants. In winter many of her guests left with a treasured slip from a rare plant or a favorite geranium.

The children were all given every advantage that the town had to offer in the way of schooling and church and social activities. At home they were taught how to work—the boys learned how to farm and care for the stock and the girls cooking, sewing and housekeeping. Frank, Jess and Wilford attended the Sanford district school. Jennie and Hugh were sent to the Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, one year. Jennie learned dressmaking and in later life was one of the best dress-makers in Sanford. Pearl and Myrtle attended the Church school or Academy in Manassa two years. Hemming graduated from the La Jara high school and Harry from the Sanford high school. It wasn't easy to rear eight children and it took lots of hard work and many sacrifices, but by working together it was accomplished.

They never had the real hardships that some families have because they were both good managers and hard workers. They made their plans and worked together. They always had milk cows, chickens and pigs and their children were never hungry. Uncle George was a good provider and Aunt Laura saved what he made, and as the children grew up they learned to help. They were proud of their family and sent them to church where they all took active parts. The boys hold the priesthood and are all elders but Hemming, who is a high priest. Those who weren't married in the temple



have been since and all have their families sealed to them.

Frank bought the lot north of them and lived in Sanford until 1913 when he bought a ranch two miles west of Bountiful where he moved his family and still makes his home. He is a successful farmer and stockman and has a dairy herd and beef cattle and a few hundred head of sheep. He is the only boy who didn't go into the sheep business on a large scale. He served as first counselor in the Bountiful Sunday School for two years and as superintendent three and one-half years. He teaches the Advanced Senior class in the Romeo Ward Sunday School at the present time.

The fall after they moved back to Sanford, Pearl was married in the Manti temple. Always a home girl she never got very far from her parents. She is a born entertainer and a leader in Sanford's social life. She is well known for the lovely parties she gives in her elegant home. For years she has taken in school teachers. She was president of the Sanford Ward Primary seven years.

Two years later Jennie married and has always made her home in Sanford. She lost her husband with the flu in that memorable winter of 1918 and has never married again. They had four little girls when Ernest died, their ages ranging from eight years to four months. She worked hard to bring up her girls and is still working.

Uncle George and Aunt Laura gave Pearl and Jennie the lot where the little log house had been. Their homes are side by side as their husbands built them—they both married carpenters.

Jess and Hugh were married next—Jess in the Manti temple and Hugh in Manassa. Hugh lost his wife in 1934 but married again. He loved athletics and followed



the basket ball teams all over the state loyally cheering for Sanford. He was quite a wrestler and loved horses.

Jess has the distinction of having the largest family and the only twins in the Morgan family. Twin girls were their first-born, but only lived one day—there are three boys and four girls living. Jess is a born trader and is called a second Uncle Richard Crowther.

Wilford married in Sanford and settled in the southern part of town. He was a soldier in the first World War and served as superintendent of the Sanford Ward Sunday School seven years. He built the first motion picture theatre in Sanford and successfully operated it for several years. The building burned down and was never rebuilt. Sanford has never had another theatre.

Hemming filled an honorable two year mission in the Central States. After he returned home he served as Stake president of the Y. M. M. I. A. three years; as superintendent of the Sanford Ward Sunday School four or five years; and was a counselor in the Sanford Ward Bishopric for six years. At the present time he is Scoutmaster of the Sanford Ward, the Gospel Doctrine teacher in the Sunday School and is treasurer of the Sanford district school board and has held this position the past ten years. He was married in the Salt Lake Temple.

After Harry married he bought the old Grandpa Crowther home, a block from his parents. He took an active part in the Y. M. M. I. A. and has served as Stake president and a counselor in the Sanford Ward.

After they were married Hugh, Jess, Wilford, Hemming and Harry went into the sheep business with their father and also farmed together. The partnership was dissolved several years ago and Uncle George sold his

sheep but the boys are still in the sheep business. Wilford, Hemming and Harry started shearing sheep several years ago and every spring shear all over Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. They are considered top hands.

Jess is the shortest boy and is five feet eleven inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. Wilford and Harry are the tallest and are six feet and one inch. Frank and Hemming are the heaviest and weigh about 200 pounds. Jennie and Pearl are average height and stout. They are the true representatives of a father and mother who have kept the word of wisdom.

The boys have all been athletes. Frank, Hugh, Jess and Wilford played baseball, then basketball became popular and the younger boys took it up. Hemming and Harry have both played professional basketball since they finished school; Hemming as a guard and Harry as a forward. Harry is considered one of the most outstanding players the San Luis Valley has ever produced and is the highest scoring man in Colorado. He has played basketball 14 years and has toured the west in tournaments. This talent is carried down by the sons of Hugh, Jess, Wilford and Hemming, as they are big, husky boys and are all basketball and football players of considerable talent.

While they lived in the brick house Aunt Laura fell through a step on the stairs one day and hurt her leg. For years she had trouble with this leg and although in time it healed completely she wore a rubber stocking on it for the rest of her life.

About 1917 they had a new house built on the southwest corner of the same block where Jennie and Pearl live. This house was a beautiful modern gray stucco bungalow with seven dormers. It was a five room

house with bath, pantry and two porches and was built by their sons-in-law. It is located on Main street and near the center of town, the church and stores being only a few blocks away.

It took lots of planning and hard work to build this new home. Aunt Laura and Uncle George both did their share. She took all of the orphan lambs that she could handle and raised them on the bottle and that fall sold them for one hundred sixteen dollars. This lamb money put all of the windows and doors in the new house. Nor was this the beginning or the end of Aunt Laura's pet lambs. Every spring for years before this, and for years after, in fact as long as she was able, she took orphan lambs in the spring and raised them on bottles.

They had big windows made especially for her house plants. In the dining room there was a bay window and besides the plants in the windows she had several stands with ferns on and one big Christmas cactus. This house was luxuriously furnished and before Aunt Laura died she had everything that her heart desired: the beautiful home that she had always wanted, planned and worked for was a reality; in it was her mate who had worked and planned with her all through the years; and her children were near and came to see her often and she was able to do for herself.

After they moved to the new home Hugh bought the brick house and spent the rest of his life there. The two houses were only three blocks apart. Jess bought across the street on the west from them and Hemming on the south and built both homes. Aunt Laura and Uncle George were always proud of their large family and it was a great satisfaction to them that their children were so close—all within a few blocks except

Frank, and he was only eight miles, or a few minutes drive, away.

This new home became one of the most attractive places in Sanford. The house faced the west and a lawn was planted in front. On the south was an orchard and a small flower and vegetable garden on the north, separated from the lawn by shrubbery. Between the cement walks and the house flowers were planted. Along the sidewalk in front was a row of shade trees. In the back there were the large vegetable garden, raspberry bushes and rhubarb. The yard was a mass of blooms all through the season. The peonies around the lawn on the north side were a rare sight—large, bushy plants covered with big, beautiful flowers. Her peonies were all colors, some of the plants having shaded flowers.

As the years went by Uncle George did less work in the field and devoted most of his time to the chores, the garden and the yard. As it grew harder for Aunt Laura to get around, she satisfied herself with helping less out-of-doors but always supervised the care of her flowers.

But as Aunt Laura became less active she was busier than ever with her fingers. She had more time now to spend on her quilts and fancy work, and she was never idle. She was very fond of quilt making and was very adept at it. Now when such wonderful materials were available she made some very beautiful quilts. She sought out the most attractive patterns for both fashioning and quilting and made both pieced and appliqued. Quilt making never lost its charm for her and she was still making quilts when she became ill the last time.

Another thing she liked especially was dishes and she was very proud of her china closet. In it she kept all of the pretty and unusual dishes that had been given



to her and it was full of lovely glass and china, some of them being heirlooms.

Aunt Laura took an active part in church activities as long as she was able. Her Relief Society record stands out as a testimonial of her long years of service—for 35 years she was a member of the Sanford Ward Relief Society. She served as a counselor at one time and for a good many years helped care for the dead. She helped wash and lay them out and then make their clothes. At that time ready-made burial clothes and morticians were almost unknown things. She was also a visiting teacher and helped with every part of the work carried on by the Relief Society. At the time of her death she was still making temple aprons for this organization. When Hugh died, ten months after her death, he was buried in one of the temple aprons that she had made.

She was certainly a “ministering angel” to the sick and those in need or trouble. At her funeral, it was said of her that there wasn’t a home in Sanford, except those built recently, that she had not visited some time in her life in the capacity of helper or comforter in times of sickness, trouble or death. Time after time she was summoned by a neighbor’s child and left her own household duties to help in whatever capacity she was needed—in sudden illness, an accident or before childbirth.

Her life was spent in service for others and no self-sacrifice was too much to give and she was always a hard worker also being industrious and thrifty. After her family grew up and modern time-saving appliances became available she adjusted her time in such a manner that she was still busy. She liked creating things with her own hands, never tired of the exacting labor her flowers required, not to mention the household cares,



and she was fond of reading and kept up an active correspondence with both her own and Uncle George's distant relatives.

Having a gracious nature and being naturally a lover of mankind, her home was filled with much company. She enjoyed having her own children and their families as well as other relatives and friends come in for a meal often and to spend the afternoon, evening or a full day. Being mild in nature, she could be relied upon to welcome anyone at any time with friendliness and affection. She was also a good entertainer and a cordial and generous hostess. She liked to "feed" people and always had pie, cake, cookies or fruit on hand when someone "dropped in" for a chat. Especially was this true with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, although she was never partial and the grown-ups were fed along with the children whether relation or friends.

Aunt Laura and Uncle George made several trips back to Utah and she made several trips to other places. She enjoyed traveling and visiting and taking short sightseeing trips; but not Uncle George. He was content to have her go and leave him home to see that everything was done. And she was a great home-body, too.

November 18, 1930, they observed their golden wedding anniversary and this was a red letter day in their lives. Together they shared 58 years of true love with joy and sorrow intermingled. Their lives were filled with usefulness and unselfishness and they achieved the things that are worth working for and together shared the happiness that is the just reward of honest labor. They were both honorable and courageous and never did a questionable thing in their lives. Two of her granddaughters and one niece were named "Laura" for her.

Aunt Laura passed away April 19, 1938. She died as she had lived, with her children all near. At this time there were eight children, 31 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. They all attended her funeral with the exception of one granddaughter and her children, who were in Phoenix, Arizona with a sick husband and father. She lay in state in her own home, it being her wish that she should never be taken to a mortuary. Her funeral was held in the Sanford Ward Chapel under the direction of the Sanford bishopric, the house was filled and the floral offerings were numerous. The pall bearers were her six stalwart sons, all honorable men that any mother could be proud to own. She was buried in the Sanford cemetery by Loretta, Amy and Myrtle.

Just ten months and two days after her death, Hugh, the second son, passed away and was buried in the same cemetery.

Uncle George is still living and is hale and hearty. He makes his home with Pearl and is active for a man 83 years young. He milks six cows every night and morning and rides a horse to and from the pasture. He works, not from necessity, but because he still had rather work than do anything else.

A noble heritage Aunt Laura has given her posterity and through her the Crowther tradition still lives in the Morgan family in the fourth generation. In the July issue of the 1941 "Children's Friend" was printed a pioneer story taken from the life of Thomas Crowther, who came to Utah from England for the sake of the Gospel, and written by Aunt Laura's great granddaughter—Constance Jane Harmson. She lived to see her parents, sisters and all but one brother (Uncle Will) pass into the great beyond.

## LAURA MARIA CROWTHER'S DESCENDANTS

- 2-6 Laura Maria Crowther, b. 25 March, 1864, Fountain Green, Utah, d. 19 April, 1938, Sanford, Colo., m. 18 Nov., 1880, Salt Lake City, Utah, George David Morgan, b. 24 June, 1858, Santaquin, Utah, son of Thomas Morgan and Fannie Vizzard. Eleven children. Residence, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-1 Laura Laurett Morgan, b. 30 October, 1881, Fountain Green, Utah, d. 6 May, 1887, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-2 George Franklin Morgan, b. 28 May, 1883, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 15 March, 1905, Hamilton Ranch, Conejos County, Colo., Mary Jane McKinzie, b. 27 July, 1886, Manassa, Color. Three children. Endowed Arizona Temple 7 Dec., 1938. Successful farmer and stock raiser, Bountiful, Colo.
- 4-2 Mary Laura Morgan, b. 30 Sept., 1907, La Jara, Colo., m. 28 Dec., 1927, La Jara, Colo., Christian Nicolas Harmson, b. 20 July, 1905, Walnut, Iowa. Two children.
- 5-1 Constance Jane Harmson, b. 29 Nov., 1931, La Jara, Colo.
- 5-2 Dennis Frank Harmson, b. 16 Sept., 1934, La Jara, Colo.
- 3-4 Alva Hugh Morgan, b. 1 Jan., 1887, Sanford, Colo., m. 1916, Margaret De Priest, b. 3 Jan., 1894, Manassa, Colo., d. 21 Aug., 1934, daughter of Thomas De Priest and -----  
----- Four children.
- 4-1 Vernell Hugh Morgan, b. 23 Nov., 1917, Sanford, Colo.
- 2 Aloa Morgan, b. 16 Sept., 1919, Sanford, Colo., m. 9 May, 1936, Harold R. Richardson, b. 16 March, 1915, Manassa, Colo., son of Richard S. Richardson and Clara Biddinger. One child.
- 5-1 Anita Kay Richardson, b. 13 Sept., 1938, Manassa, Colo., where they reside.
- 4-3 Olive Morgan, b. 19 May, 1922, Manassa, Colo.
- 4-4 De Von Morgan, b. 16 Aug., 1920, Sanford, Colo., where the three children reside.
- 3-3 Fanny Jane Morgan, b. 14 May, 1885, Sanford, Colo., m. Jan. 1908, Sanford, Colo., George Ernest Wright, b. 25 April, 1889, d. 18 Dec., 1918, Sanford, Colo., son of Geo. Wright and Minnie A. Danniels. Four children.
- 4-1 Ella Myrila Wright, b. 25 Aug., 1910, Sanford, Colo., m. 25 July, 1929, Clifford Mickelsen, b. 4 Sept., 1905, Sanford, Colo., son of Rasmus Mickelsen and Ellis Cornum. Three

children. He is a cripple from accident; goes in wheel chair. Does lots of work in carpenter shop.

- 5-1 Mollie Ray Mickelsen, b. 9 March, 1930, Sanford, Colo.
- 2 Derral Ernest Mickelsen, b. 24 Nov., 1931, Sanford, Colo.
- 3 Calvin Clifford Mickelsen, b. 11 Jan., 1936, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-2 Alice Wright, b. 20 May, 1913, Sanford, Colo., m. William Canty, 5 Aug., 1931, b. 26 April, 1901, son of Alonzo Canty and Henretta Paterson. Child. Reside at Sanford, Colo.
- 5-1 Jonny Marvin Canty, b. 20 Dec., 1932, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-3 Laura Dee Wright, b. 7 April, 1915, Sanford, Colo., m. 16 June, 1935, Francis Whitney (widower), son of Job H. Whitney and Georgia Mitchell, b. 21 Dec., 1900, Sanford, Colo. One child.
- 5-1 David Larry Whitney, b. 28 March, 1936, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-4 Chloe Wright, b. 23 Aug., 1918, Sanford, Colo., m. 9 May, 1936, Alamosa, Colo. Endowed in Salt Lake Temple 8 March, 1938 to Milton A. Rogers, b. 13 June, 1916, Manassa, Colo., son of B. Car Rogers and Mary C. Mitchell. Two children. Reside in Manassa, Colo.
- 5-1 Lonnie Milton Rogers, b. 20 Oct., 1938, Sanford, Colo.
- 5-2 Dannie Edward Rogers, b. 17 Oct., 1941.
- 4-2 Hazel Morgan, b. 30 Aug., 1910, Sanford, Colo., m. 17 Sept., 1927, Charles Wendall King, b. 26 June, 1912, Manassa, Colo., son of Charles G. King and Emma W. Christensen. Six children. Reside at Albuquerque, New Mex.
- 5-1 Marie King, b. 25 Nov., 1929, La Jara, Colo.
- 2 Terence Morgan King, b. 21 Aug., 1931, La Jara, Colo.
- 3 Billie Lou King, b. 2 April, 1933, La Jara, Colo.
- 4 Kathleen King, b. 8 July, 1935, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 5 Gary Wendall King, b. 21 June, 1937, Albuquerque, N. M.
- 6 Madelyn Yetive King, b. 21 Aug., 1939, Albuquerque, N. M.
- 4-3 Raymond Franklin Morgan, b. 14 Feb., 1906, La Isla, Colo., d. 4 May, 1906. Sealed to parents Mesa Temple, 6 June, 1939.
- 3-5 Ina Pearl Morgan, b. 18 Dec., 1888, Sanford, Colo., m. 14 Oct., 1907, Manti Temple, Utah, James L. Daniels, b. 15 Feb., 1887, Manassa, Colo., son of James H. Daniels and Mary E. Hedrick. Carpenter by trade. Two children (adopted). Res., Sanford, Colo.



- 4-1 James Junior Daniels, b. 15 Aug., 1925.
- 2 Shirley Jeane Daniels, b. 28 Jan., 1929.
- 3-6 Ella Myrtle Morgan, b. 14 Jan., 1890, Sanford, Colo., d. 23 Sept., 1906.
- 3-7 Jesse Earl Morgan, b. 6 May, 1893, Sanford, Colo., m. 9 June, 1916, Greeta Martin, b. 7 June, 1895, Sanford, Colo., daughter of William L. Martin and Vesta Hostetter. Nine children.
- 4-1 Eleone Morgan, b. 30 June, 1917, Sanford, Colo. Twin, d. 1 July, 1917.
- 2 Leone Morgan, b. 30 June, 1917, Sanford, Colo. Twin, d. 6 July, 1917.
- 3 Quin Morgan, b. 16 Dec., 1918, Sanford, Colo.
- 4 Richard M. Morgan, b. 20 Sept., 1920, Sanford, Colo.
- 5 Jay Everet Morgan, b. 15 Nov., 1922, Sanford, Colo.
- 6 Lena Mae Morgan, b. 13 Feb., 1928, Sanford, Colo.
- 7 Venna Dee Morgan, b. 3 June, 1930, Sanford, Colo.
- 8 Carol Lee Morgan, b. 26 June, 1932, Sanford, Colo.
- 9 Laverd Morgan, b. 20 June, 1937, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-8 Wilford Ray Morgan, b. 25 Aug., 1896, Sanford, Colo., m. 5 June, 1918, Ada Block, b. 10 Feb., 1900, Sanford, Colo., daughter of Chris J. Block and Bolette Poulson. Six children. He served in the first World War. Resides at Sanford, Colo.
- 4-1 Wilford Dean Morgan, b. 28 March, 1919, Sanford, Colo., m. 31 Oct., 1941, ----- b. ----- daughter of Wm. Christensen and Edith Dalton.
- 2 Grant Block Morgan, b. 17 Jan., 1921, Sanford, Colo.
- 3 Donald Morgan, b. 21 Dec., 1923, Sanford, Colo.
- 4 Ray George Morgan, b. 6 Dec., 1925, Sanford, Colo.
- 5 Glen Jay Morgan, b. 2 Nov., 1929, Sanford, Colo.
- 6 Janice Ann Morgan, b. 1 March, 1940, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-9 Hemming Vivian Morgan, b. 26 Dec., 1898, Sanford, Colo., m. 27 June, 1923, Salt Lake Temple, Edith Lenninton, b. 17 April, 1902, Kaufman, Texas, daughter of Isaac C. Lennington and Ella Austin. Four children. Reside at Sanford, Colo.
- 4-1 Cleo La Donne Morgan, b. 20 May, 1924, Sanford, Colo.
- 2 Georgana Morgan, b. 18 April, 1928, Sanford, Colo.
- 3 Hemming Lamont Morgan, b. 30 May, 1930, Sanford, Colo.
- 4 Lowell Morgan, b. 18 April, 1933, Sanford, Colo.



- 3-10 Amy Rozilla Morgan, b. 19 Oct., 1900, Sanford, Colo., d.  
15 April, 1902.
- 3-11 Harry Golden Morgan, b. 4 Feb., 1905, m. 4 Feb., 1926,  
June Smith, b. 2 June, -----, daughter of Nephi Smith  
and Emma Holyoak. Two children (adopted).
- 4-1 Robert Lee Morgan, b. 5 March, 1929.
- 4-2 Harriet Joy Morgan, b. 12 Dec., 1940.



Mary C. Mortensen and Wm. O. Crowther, 50 Wedding Anniversary

## LIFE SKETCH OF WILLIAM ORSON CROWTHER AND MARY C. MORTENSEN

**W**ILLIAM ORSON CROWTHER, son of Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes, was born 27th of October, 1866, at Fountain Green, Sanpete County, Utah (in a fort built for protection from the Indians). He was born of good parents. He was the seventh child of a family of ten children, three sons and seven daughters. All grew to maturity, married and reared families.

Owing to the early settlement of Utah, separated a thousand miles from civilization with transportation so slow and difficult, this family had to live principally from their immediate surroundings. The family grew up under privations and hardships, learning the lesson of self-support. Land was productive and abundance of wild game existed in the nearby mountains, particularly deer, rabbits, sage hens and prairie chickens.

"My brothers and I became Nimrods in supplying the family with meat. Well do I remember paying my subscription to the school teacher with venison. At times we would get a surplus, and again we would go scant.

"My parents were devoted Latter-day Saints and taught their children after them to pray and have faith in God. I was taught to pray at mother's knee. Mother was a beautiful singer, possessed a beautiful voice, taught me when a child many lovely songs. When about ten years of age I would invite my playmates, boys about my age, to our home, a short time before Christmas. There we would drill on these songs preparatory for Christmas caroling. We would start on Christmas eve, visit as many homes as time would permit until bedtime. Then again

in the morning until we had visited the entire town, about one hundred families, never daring to miss anyone. The people expected us, they would prepare some little dainties for us, Danish beer, cakes, apples, candy and make our visits pleasant for us and themselves.

“As I grew to be a young man, my parents assisted me in getting a gun, a violin and a piccolo. I was sent to night school, to Professor A. C. Smyth, a very competent musician from London, England. I mastered vocal music very well. Played the piccolo in the band and the violin in the orchestra. I with a companion, William Collard, who also learned the violin, were put in charge of the Sunday School choir. We had no organ. We two played the violins and an aged man from England, a new arrival, Benjamin Gould, a very large man and a powerful bass singer, played the cello. This combination answered very well as a substitute for an organ.

“We had many good times, took our choir to the Stake Jubilee at Mount Pleasant in competition with ten or more choirs from much larger towns, in all, we thought we held our own in quality and efficiency. I became very efficient with my gun, which was a 44 caliber rim fire Ballard, octagon barrel, one of the best in the country at that time. I had been taught an abiding faith in the Lord, that He would direct us in all the affairs of life. I had read and pondered over the history of Nephi (Book of Mormon Prophet) and his sojourn in the wilderness with his parents and brothers. The occasion of him breaking his bow, and all the others had lost their spring; the sorrow and mourning that followed, impressed me of our condition at times; and often when wandering over the hills tired and weary, knowing our family was in need, I have humbly knelt and asked the Lord to guide me in the direction

to find game. I never failed to meet with success when we were in need. Many people thought and said what a successful hunter, but there was a secret underlying the whole matter.

"When a young boy I met with a bad accident. My brother James F. and I were told to cut some Alfalfa (Lucerne) for the calves at noon. Father and my oldest brother had gone to our field two miles away from town for the day. While cutting this hay I crowded too close to him, was barefoot, and when he made a stroke with the cythe he brought it around so far behind him it caught me just on the front of my right foot at the ankle, cutting an ugly gash about three inches long, causing me to go on crutches the rest of that summer. It finally healed but left a life mark that always remained.

"I grew up having all the opportunities of schooling that could be offered in a new settlement. In those days there were no free schools. Father had to pay our tuition which was about two dollars and fifty cents a month for each pupil. I attended until I was eighteen years of age. My brother, James F., fresh from the University of Utah, was employed to teach school in our home town. I was employed to help him with the lower grades during the winter of 1883 and 84. During the summers of these years I worked on the D. and R. G. Western Railroad in Spanish Fork Canyon. This environment was surely degrading, the worst I was ever in. The riff raff of the west had gathered there and many of the Mormon boys from Utah and Sanpete Counties were employed also; about two hundred men in all. We were laying big steel rails. The grade being new, the high waters from the melting snow washed the grade away and caused a number of accidents; sometimes we



were called on to work all night to repair the washouts. The Railroad Company furnished two large tents, which we put up on a level grass spot. Each man furnished his own bed and there we spent our evenings and Sundays. Profanity, vulgarity, card playing, smoking and competing in the singing of vulgar songs was the theme of our associations, and sorry to say, one of our Mormon boys was among the champions in these contests.. I had been taught to reverence the name of God, but these men would profane His name in their common talk and conversation and think no more about it. The crowd would applaud, clap their hands for more as each competitor finished his song. At the end of each month when pay day came, some of them would go to Salt Lake City, spend their earnings; on their return would tell in a boastful way where they had been and what they had done. I never was nearer hell than this. I went out among the willows along side the river after dark, knelt down and prayed earnestly unto my Father in Heaven to assist me to make a living without having to work in such environment. However I endured it until the work was finished. The following shows how my prayer was answered. My oldest brother, Thomas A. and wife, my sister Laura and husband, George Morgan, had previously located in Colorado in the San Luis Valley, which is one of the largest valleys in the inter-mountain west. It is in the central part of Colorado, east and west on the southern border next to the state of New Mexico, east of the Continental Divide, elevation 7500 feet, a cold, bleak country to live in, but very productive. My brother-in-law, William H. Kirby, husband of my sister Emmaline, had recently returned from a mission in the state of Georgia. For his last three months he had been transfered to the San Luis Valley, Colorado, to en-

courage the Saints there and teach them the art of irrigation. On his return home he and my sister decided to make the San Luis Valley, Colorado, their future home. As they had no one to accompany them but their two small children (Will and Mary Jane), they asked my parents to give their consent for me to go with them and drive one of their teams and assist them on their way to Colorado, which was agreeable to all concerned.

"I had many associates and friends I held dear and it was a trial and sacrifice to leave them. I had been quite active in church duties, was ordained a teacher, March 3, 1881, and a Seventy, August 5, 1884; had taken part in the erection of a good chapel at Fountain Green; had hauled lumber to the Manti Temple and spent part of one winter working on the grounds leveling the hill. The home of my youth had become dear to me. I bid my parents, brothers and sisters and sweetheart good bye on the 29th of July, 1885, and we started for Colorado. I expected to return the next year. We had a rough experience on the way, bad roads, floods, breaking down of one wagon wheel on the desert, severe storm at Green River. We got one team and wagon across the river on the ferry boat and returned for the other team when the storm struck us. The boss said, 'Get this team off the boat until the storm is over.' We did so; tied them to a tree and rushed for the ferry man's tent. This was about 4 p. m. There we stayed all night without food or bed. All our provisions, bed and money were in the wagon on the boat in the middle of the river. The next morning the ties and rails of the railroad were washed off the grade for half a mile stretch, twisted over and over, looked like a picket fence from the distance. We traveled on after a day's work getting straightened out. We arrived in

the San Luis Valley, Colorado on September 1st, 1885, located for the winter in the little town of Richfield, Conejos County. It seemed a long trip. Met my brother, Thomas A. and family, sister Laura and their family, and many old friends who had been called by the Mormon Church authorities from Fountain Green, Utah to go and help settle in the San Luis Valley, Colorado. Here I met a young woman, Mary C. Mortensen, who later became my wife, who had emigrated from Parowan, Utah, with her mother and a large family about six weeks previous to my coming. The Mortensen family had become quite numerous in southern Utah. This young woman, Mary Caroline Mortensen, was born February 21, 1868, at Parowan, Iron Co., Utah. Her parents came from Haarbule, Denmark in 1856, crossing the plains to Utah in one of the belated hand-cart companies (Captain Willie) that was fraught with so much distaster in the death of so many of their number. My wife was one of a large family. Her father was a polygamist. Ten children were born to her mother and four were born to the second wife, but never was any distinction ever made between the fourteen children. From a child she grew up under very much the same environment as myself. In those days the home was quite different than now. She was experienced in nearly all the science of self-support, in fact the home was an extremely versatile factory. She was skilled in them all, including dress making, millinery, a shoe shop, tannery, wooden mill, a cooper shop, a laundry, a dairy, a broom factory, a kindergarten, a school, a pickeling and botteling works, a brewery, a soap factory, a flour mill, a meat packing establishment, a tailor shop, a knitting mill a dance hall, a theatre, a garden and a farm—all these we were trained in. A university of hardknocks.

"During the summer of 1886, I worked for wages and courted my wife which took 10 hours for my employer and long hours at night, especially when there was a dance, but it all had to be done so we made the best of it. I worked in the hay field along the La Jara river, and she cooked for the crew; by the October Conference in Salt Lake City, at which time the railroads gave reduced fare, we had saved enough to take us to the Temple at Logan, in northern Utah. We went in company with Anders Mortensen, my wife's brother and his bride, Sina Heiselt. There we met William Collard and his bride Matilda Weeks from my old home, also Willard T. Guymon from Fountain Green, with his bride from Parowan. We four couples were married in the Logan Temple by Apostle Marriner W. Merrill on October 1st, 1886. After our marriage we visited the conference at Salt Lake City and then visited at Fountain Green, where my parents had everything in readiness for us to stay and make our home with them. They wanted us to take care of the farm and them as long as they lived and then us to have the farm and home by our paying each of my brothers and sisters, one hundred dollars. But we did not feel like doing this, as the place was worth much more, and we felt it would cause the others to feel that we had got more than our share, and rather than have ill feelings over the estate, we declined; then we persuaded my father and mother to let Rozilla, my sister just younger than me, go to Colorado with us and we would return there and make our home. They made up their minds to make a visit to Colorado and see the prospects for making that their home and all the family being together, which they did during the winter of 1887, then they returned home to Fountain Green, sold the home and farm and moved to Colorado, bringing



my two youngest sisters with them. Soon the three youngest girls married. James F. and his family, Sarah Jane and husband and family all came, there we were all living in the same town of Sanford (except our oldest sister, Mary Ann). There we had many good times together in family reunions. Mother was the first one to pass away, on May 2nd, 1896, which broke the family circle. Some time after her death father moved in the west room of our new brick house and made his home with us as long as he lived. Mary, my wife, cooked for him and he ate at our table. We surely appreciated having him with us.

"After we were married and had our honeymoon trip to Utah, we arrived back in Colorado the last of October, bringing my sister Rozilla with us. She made her home with Aunt Laura her sister and family. We had our building lot selected in the new townsite located on a high bench three miles east of the railroad town of La Jara. It was first named Alma, then finding there was a town of that name in Colorado, the name was changed to Sanford, after or in honor of the president of the Stake, Silas Sanford Smith. The outside lines of the town were surveyed and the lines established when we came. I helped to carry the chain and locate the blocks, lots and streets. It was a large town site, one mile by one and a half miles. It was decided to incorporate the town, making two incorporations. The Richfield people to incorporate the north half of the town as the Sanford Town Company, and the Ephraim people to incorporate the south half of the town under the name of the Sanford Land Company. I was elected president of the Sanford Town Co., with my brother Thomas A. Crowther as secretary, Ira B. Whitney, Charles H. Johnson and William H. Kirby, directors. A year or two



later Thomas A. Crowther was called to fill a mission in the Southern States along with Swen Peterson, and my brother, James F. Crowther, succeeded him as secretary. We all held these positions until every lot in our corporation was deeded to the parties who had taken up and paid for them; all parties were given their lots at the cost of the land which amounted to about fifty cents a year on each lot, and in a few years we had built quite a nice little town of about one hundred thirty families, each owning their own home. Our first home was a little log hut 14 x 16 feet with a dirt roof, one door and one window, a fire place in the south end, chinked and plastered between the logs and whitewashed on the inside. We felt very humble in so lowly a home. The cabin was quite close to the street on the west side of the lot and my wife made a heaven of it. Over the window and mantel piece she would get some colored paper all scalloped and decorate the walls, many times when a hard rain came the roof would leak and she would have to whitewash and during the storm put pans on the bed to keep it dry. This process developed patience and we endured it for eight years during which time our first four children were born in this humble cottage.

I rented a farm of eighty acres from Soren C. Berthelsen for a term of three years. He sold me a team of large mules, Jack and Grandy, also a wagon and harness, I paid for them in wheat out of the crop by paying a part payment each year. It was good land, adjoining Richfield. I raised good crops and at the end of the third year I had the team paid for, and leased the farm for another term of three years. We made plans to build a new house ourselves, gathered material between crops, I worked at the saw mill for lumber, hauled rock

for the foundation and made brick two summers. By the fall of 1894, October 1st, began laying the brick. Elijah Clapp, a good brick mason, moulded the brick and layed them up for me, the last brick was layed by January, 1895. Holm A. Mortensen and William T. Morris did the carpenter work. By April 17th, 1895, we had the center and east rooms finished so we moved into the new house. Which day, Clara, another girl was born to us; we were proud of this new girl and this new home. By exchanging work with my helpers we managed to have it all paid for. In this home the last six children were born, making ten in all. It takes a heap of livin' to make a house a home. Here were births and deaths, one little boy, Jesse Anders, thirteen months of age and Thomas Crowther, my father passed away in this house while we were sitting by their side. The little boy on September 6th, 1898 and my father died on October 2nd, 1898, these were sad experiences for us.

Many good times were enjoyed here with our family and neighbors. On April 15th, 1888, the Sanford Ward was organized, I was chosen as second counselor to the Bishop, Soren C. Berthelsen. I will always praise this man for putting me in such environment, in touch with the general authorities of the Church, and the experiences of eight years, then I was released and placed in charge of the stake choir, and also the Sanford Ward choir, with William T. Morris as organist. We had many good times and the members gave us fine support. Then on January 31, 1899, I was chosen and set apart as Bishop of the Sanford Ward by Abraham O. Woodruff, one of the twelve Apostles. Marcus O. Funk and Herman K. Christensen were my counselors, two very fine men. A few years later both of them moved from the ward and William C. Christensen and Swen Peterson took their

places with me. All of these men I learned to love; we got along fine together.

On May 21, 1911, I was released as Bishop and was sustained as first counselor in the Stake Presidency with Erastus S. Christensen, president, and Samuel Jackson, second counselor. We worked with him until he was released and Hyrum S. Harris was sustained as president, myself and Samuel Jackson continuing as counselors. Brother Harris was a very fine man, was principal of the San Luis Academy. He left the stake and went to Utah, and on May 25, 1919, I was sustained as president of the San Luis Stake with John W. Shawcroft and Samuel Jackson my counselors. These two men were very faithful men and will always have a warm spot in my heart. We were released December 6, 1924. I served in the Bishopric for nearly twenty years, and in the Stake Presidency thirteen years. During that time I aided in getting the Stake Academy established, was a member of the board of directors thirteen years and president for the last five years until it was taken away, and a Seminary was given us by the Church. I was also secretary of the district school at Sanford for eighteen years. Was a member of the Conejos County central committee during the world war number one, when so many of our boys went away to France and a number never returned, gave their lives for their country. I was also president of the Sanford Hall Company, the first brick amusement hall where we had so many good times; where Wm. T. Morris, Holm A. Mortensen, Job H. Whitney and many others gave their talents in drama and dancing.

Well do I remember the little log church located on the northeast corner of the church block, later known as the Library building. It was the first church built on the new town site. During the month of

November, 1886, Albion Haggard (who presided over the branch of the Mormon Church) with Ephraim Mortensen, Francis M. Mortensen, George Morgan and William O. Crowther, with their teams hauled the logs from the Bias on the head waters of the La Jara River in the west mountains, a very cold trip I remember. December 10, 1886, I went with others down in New Mexico and worked on the D. and R. G. Railroad, completing the line from Espanola to Santa Fe. We had our teams, made good wages, returned the latter part of January, 1897. I helped to complete the little log church, and the people of Ephraim moved their log church and put on the end of the one we had just built. Later the two little buildings were given to the Relief Society of the Sanford Ward and moved onto the west part of the same lot which belongs to this society. The cut rock church was begun during the time Bishop Berthelsen presided and was completed while I was Bishop. We hauled the rock from Hot Creek Canyon, twenty miles west. It took us twenty-two years to complete this building. Swen Peterson was manager and did a good part on this building.

In 1908 I leased the land known as the Bears Ranch, two miles north of Sanford, consisting of 484 acres, from Zeph Charles Felt of Denver, Colorado. About this time our oldest son, Wm. Alma, went on a mission to Germany. He returned in December, 1910, after having filled an honorable mission. On his return I purchased this ranch and I took the three boys, Wm. Alma Crowther, Thomas Walter Crowther and Holm Eugene Mortensen (my nephew) as partners, and we did business under the name of William O. Crowther and Sons Company. We improved this ranch, and homesteaded lands in the mountains west, north of the Box Canyon of the La Jara



river. Accumulated quite a lot of property, also debts, and a lot of experience. After twelve years, the boys all married and having families, by common consent we all agreed to divide the property and dissolve the partnership, which we did, satisfactory to every one of us. The experience was a good schooling for every one of us, and gave us an incentive to accept responsibility.

I was asked to teach in the San Luis Academy this year, 1922, which position I accepted. Rented the Dalton home in Manassa and moved in where we lived until 1929. In 1924, myself with six other men, Wm. C. Christensen, Peter A. Mortensen, Thomas A. Crowther, Jesse C. Hutchins, Ruben J. Bailey and P. A. Jack, all Latter-day Saints, organized ourselves as a company known as the San Luis Construction Company, with Wm. C. Christensen as president and Wm. O. Crowther, secretary and treasurer—purpose of building highways or any public works. We were successful bidders on a project building a highway of five miles in the Conejos Canyon. I did the clerical work and handled the funds and helped to manage the boarding of the men, my wife managing that part and doing the cooking, with one hired girl to help.

We finished our contract November 25, 1924, made good wages and a margin to divide among us. In 1925, we were successful bidders on a project between Alamosa and Monte Vista in Rio Grande and Alamosa Counties. We finished this project with a small margin of profit. We then bid on a highway project on the Tennessee Pass and was awarded the job. It was late in the season when we got started and snow came early, we had to close down for the winter. Don Q. our youngest son worked with us. He received a call to go on a mission for the church to New York State. My wife still did the cooking for



the camp with a girl helper. Don accepted the call and left us November 3rd, 1925. Returned November 27, 1927, after filling an honorable mission. I received a letter from the president of the Colonial State Bank of Manassa, Colorado, asking me to take a position in the bank as cashier, to be ready to take the place on December 1st, 1925. I presented the letter to all the members of our construction company, and they all consented for me to accept the offer and position at the bank, but I was to remain responsible for the finishing and obligations of our contract, which was agreeable and understood by all the members.

My wife and I left the boarding responsibilities with Jesse Hutchins and wife, which they took over and finished up the next summer. This contract set us back financially about four thousand dollars, it was in a very high elevation, snow came early and stayed on until late in the spring. It rained a great deal and made it a handicap all the while to prosecute the work. I paid my part of the deficiency and some of the others. I assumed the responsibilities as cashier of the Colonial State Bank on December 1st, 1925, and remained there until October 1st, 1933. The president of the bank, Christen Jensen, died. My wife and I were asked to accept a mission to go and work in the Arizona Temple, which call we accepted. We worked six winters there, coming home for the summer months each year. Don, our son, returned from his mission. We planned our house a duplex building. I purchased an acre of ground from the Jackson Investment Co., in block 31 in the Town of Manassa, Colorado. We lived in the Dalton home until 1929, when our new home was finished sufficiently to move in. Don had married Irene Swofford, a very fine young woman. They occupied the east side

of the house and my wife and I the west, and this was the way the premises were divided after an equitable settlement was made between us. We just got the new home completed when Don and Irene left for the east, their destination being Washington, D. C. His ambition was to graduate in the George Washington University, which was reached in June, 1937. My wife and I with Clara, our daughter, and her husband, Orin Beck, visited them and were present at the graduating exercises.

The eight years in the bank was a profitable experience. It took a year after the depression to get every thing arranged satisfactorily. By October 1st, 1933, the bank was free from debt. We left feeling fine. We were free from debt, we owned our home and car and enough to keep us comfortable while gone. We were set apart as officiators in the Mesa Temple where we have worked six winters, have done work for a great many of our own kindred and helped many other people with their work.

We stayed with Uncle Anders and Sina Mortensen, who were married the same day with us in the Logan Temple in 1886. During our stay each winter they have been so good to us. We have tried to reciprocate by helping them the best we could. We have helped all we could in getting the Mortensen family records and history completed for publication. Anders has spent a lot of time and means to accomplish this end. I hope all the Mortensen family will appreciate his efforts all down the stream of time. My wife, Mary C. Crowther, has been an active worker in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, all her life. Worked as an officer in the Mutual Improvement Association in the Sanford Ward soon after it was first organized, was a counselor to Dora Sprague. Later worked in the Stake Primary

with Sister Haskell. Was a counselor to Lena Heiselt in the Relief Society in Sanford. After moving to Manassa, she served as counselor in the Relief Society with Dorthea Nielsen. Then as president for a number of years, until we went to Arizona. She is a good cook and house-keeper, very particular and exacting. Has fed many of the general authorities of the Church and cared for them when they have been in this stake visiting at conference time. She has many friends, and is beloved by her children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. At this date, February 21, 1942, her birthday, we have nine children living, nine in-laws, forty-two grandchildren, fourteen grand in-laws, twenty great grandchildren, making a total of ninety-six living in our own family. She is light complexioned, five feet-two inches in height, weighs 110 lbs., never idle. She is busy knitting sleeveless sweaters for the Red Cross to be sent to the soldiers in the training camps. Is in good health and enjoying life.

William Orson Crowther is six feet tall, weighs 170 lbs., light complexion, blue eyes and light brown hair. Is president of the High Priests' Quorum of the San Luis Stake. At this date, February 21, 1942, is in good health, and enjoying life.

We celebrated our Golden wedding, October 1, 1936. Hope to be here for our Diamond wedding, in spite of the Japs and Nazis and Italians.

We attribute our good health to the keeping the Word of Wisdom all our lives. We bequeath to our posterity, faith, hope and charity, honesty, virtue, industry, love of God, their country and their fellow man, loyalty and devotion to truth and righteousness to the end. No wealth to quarrel over, but love and affection for each other, and abiding faith in the God that created you all.

Your loving Uncle and Aunt, Father and Mother,  
 Grand and Great Grandpa and Grandma,  
 William Orson Crowther,  
 Mary Caroline Mortensen Crowther.

#### DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM ORSON CROWTHER

- 2-7 William Orson Crowther, b. 27 Oct., 1866, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 1 Oct., 1886, Logan Temple, Utah, Mary Caroline Mortensen, b. 21 Feb., 1868, Parowan, Utah, daughter of Anders Jorgen Mortensen and Christine Anderson. Ten children. Reside, Manassa, Colo.
- 3-1 William Alma Crowther, b. 18 Oct., 1887, Sanford, Colo., m. 4 Oct., 1911, Salt Lake Temple, Utah, Marcella Christensen, b. 20 April, 1889, Manassa, Colo., daughter of William Christensen and Wilhelmina Peterson. Nine children. Reside, Sanford, Colo. Filled mission for L. D. S. Church in Germany, 1908-10. Bishop of Sanford, 7 years.
- 4-1 Oneita Crowther, b. 7 Aug. 1912, Sanford, Colo., m. 24 July 1931, Floyd M. Reed, b. 17 Nov. 1907, Sanford, Colo., son of James Gilbert Reed and Panola White. Three children.
- 5-1 Frances Lorane Reed, b. 14 April, 1932, Sanford, Colo.
  - 2 Maxine Reed, b. 6 March, 1935, Sanford, Colo.
  - 3 Donald Wayne Reed, b. 9 Nov., 1936, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-2 Delsie Crowther, b. 3 Dec., 1914, Sanford, Colo., d. 7 Feb., 1931.
- 4-3 Violet Crowther, b. 12 Jan., 1917, Sanford, Colo., m. 17 Feb., 1936, Walter Roy Johnson, b. 5 Dec., 1917, Alamosa Colo., son of Alex Richard Johnson and Dora Mabel Hill. Three children.
- 5-1 Beverly Jo Johnson, b. 30 Nov., 1936, Alamosa, Colo., d. 21 April, 1937.
  - 2 Walter Alex Johnson, b. 10 Feb., 1938, Alamosa, Colo.
  - 3 Bunny Leroy Johnson, b. 6 Sept., 1939, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-4 Nadine Crowther, b. 19 June, 1921, m. 6 June, 1938, Brigham F. Johnson, b. 14 April, 1912, son of John C. Johnson and Angie Young.
- 4-5 William Richard Crowther, b. 6 April, 1923, Sanford, Colo., attending State Agricultural College, Colorado, at \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4-6 Alice May Crowther, b. 13 May, 1926, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-7 Fern Crowther, b. 12 July, 1928, Sanford, Colo.



- 4-8 Robert Grant Crowther, b. 5 Jan., 1931, Sanford, Colorado.
- 4-9 Janette Crowther, b. 26 July, 1934, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-2 Mary Estella Crowther, b. 3 Sept., 1889, Sanford, m. 8 June, Salt Lake Temple, Utah. She has always been an active Church worker, Red Cross and public servant. Bartlet West Dalton b. 3 Sept., 1886, son of John Cranmer Dalton and Hannah Daphne Smith. Graduate of Utah University, lawyer, filled mission for L. D. S. Church. Residence, W. Los Angeles, Calif. Five children.
- 4-1 Mary Estella Dalton, b. 10 March, 1911, Manassa, Colo., d. 10 March, 1911, bur. Manassa, Colo.
- 4-2 John Cranmer Dalton, b. 1 Sept., 1915, m. 9 Sept., 1935, Miriam Smith, b. 7 June, 1913, d. June 28, 1939, Los Angeles, Calif., bur. Salt Lake City, Utah. Daughter of Hyrum G. Smith and Martha Gee Smith. One child.  
John Cranmer Dalton, m. second wife 17 May, 1941, Arizona Temple, Maxine Jensen, daughter of Glen A. Jensen and Della Keller, b. 7 July, 1920, Manti, Utah.
- 5-1 Juana Dalton, b. 9 Dec., 1936, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 3-3 Sarah Mabel Crowther, b. 18 July, 1891, Sanford, Colo., m. 27 June, 1911, Heber Houston De Priest, b. 3 Feb., 1890, Manassa, Colo., son of James H. De Priest and Margaret Tally. Sarah Mabel Crowther was a talented musician and gave many students lessons on the piano. A good church worker. Four children were born to them.
- 4-1 Opal De Priest, b. 11 Oct., 1912, Manassa, Colo., m. 29 Dec., 1928, Niels Gantzel Thude, b. 28 Feb., 1903, Hillerup, Denmark, son of Soren Frandsen Thude. Two children.
- 5-1 Charlotte Ann Thude, b. 8 April, 1931, Manassa, Colo.
- 2 Caralyn Sue Thude, b. 25 Aug., 1933, Manassa, Colo.
- 4-2 Vaughn H. De Priest, b. 12 June, 1915, Manassa, Colo., m. 1 Feb., 1937, Ruth Fitzhugh, b. \_\_\_\_\_, daughter of Clarence Fitzhugh and Elizabeth Richardson. Two children.
- 5-1 Peggy LaVaughn De Priest, b. 4 Dec., 1937, Antonito, Colo.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4-3 Edith De Priest, b. 19 Jan., 1918, Manassa, Colo., m. 1 July, 1935, Augustas W. B. O'Barr, b. 23 Dec., 1912, Mesa, Ariz., son of Pepper O'Barr and Lola Mas. Two children.
- 5-1 Gerald LeRoy O'Barr, b. 26 Jan., 1936, Mesa, Arizona.
- 2 Mary Colleen O'Barr, b. 9 April, 1938, Mesa, Ariz.



- 4-4 Mary Margaret De Priest, b. 10 June, 1921, Manassa, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_ son of Lewis Shawcroft and Ada Coombs.
- 3-4 Thomas Walter Crowther, b. 26 July, 1893, Sanford, Colo., m. 12 June, 1914, Salt Lake Temple, Utah, m. Cora Estella Peterson, b. 2 March, 1894, Sanford, Colo., daughter of Peter Peterson and Cora Guymon. Six children.
- 4-1 Annie Louise Crowther, b. 8 Dec., 1915, Sanford, Colo, m. 17 June, 1933, Del Norte, Colo., m. Grant Curtis Mortensen, b. 29 Aug., 1914, Sanford, Colo., son of Rulen E. Mortensen and Sadie Poulsen. Five children, all boys.
- 5-1 Curtis Walter Mortensen, b. 6 Nov., 1933, Sanford, Colo., d. 16 Jan., 1934.
- 2 Lary Grant Mortensen, b. 13 April, 1935, Sanford, Colo.
- 3 Arnold T. Mortensen (twin), b. 7 Sept., 1938, Sanford, Colo.
- 4 Ardith R. Mortensen (twin), b. 7 Sept., 1938, Sanford, Colo.
- 5 Dennis Q. Mortensen, b. 11 March, 1940, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-2 Cora Millie Crowther, b. 30 Sept., 1918, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_, Francis Faucett, b. 20 Aug., 1917, son of Earl Faucett and Florence Cornum. Two children.
- 5-1 Dixon Allen Faucett, b. 22 May, 1938, Sanford, Colo.
- 2 Walter Francis Faucett, b. 27 April, 1940, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-3 Howard W. Crowther, b. 19 Jan., 1923, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-4 Mary Reba Crowther, b. 24 April, 1926, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-5 Leland P. Crowther, b. 5 Dec., 1928, Sanford, Colo., d. 7 Dec., 1928.
- 4-6 Thomas Donald Crowther, b. 14 March, 1931, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-5 Clara Emily Crowther, b. 17 April, 1895, Sanford, Colo., m. 11 June, 1913, Orin E. Beck, b. 25 Aug., 1892, Sanford, Colo., son of Erastus Beck and Mary Valentine. Eight children.
- 4-1 Orell Beck, b. 24 March, 1914, Sanford, Colo., d. 28 Oct., 1919.
- 2 Mary Beck, b. 20 Feb., 1916, Sanford, Colo., d. 3 Mar., 1917.
- 3 Lavee Beck, b. 4 Aug., 1917, Sanford, Colo., m. 28 Dec., 1940, Provo, Utah, Gerald Lamb, b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Donna Beck, b. 6 Feb., 1921, Sanford, Colo.
- 5 Rae Beck, b. 18 March, 1923, Sanford, Colo.
- 6 Carroll Beck, b. 27 Oct., 1925, Sanford, Colo.
- 7 Ronald Orin Beck, b. 25 June, 1934, Sanford, Colo.
- 8 Bonnie Beck, b. 1 Sept., 1935, Sanford, Colo.

All this family moved to Provo, Utah, Dec., 1940, and purchased the Peay Cabins, 45 West 2nd South, Provo, Utah. They are active workers in the L. D. S. Church.

- 3-6 Jesse Anders Crowthers, b. 12 Aug., 1897, Sanford, Colo. d, 6 Sept., 1898.
- 3-7 Jane Christine Crowther, b. 12 July, 1899, Sanford, Colo., m. May 16, 1919, Salt Lake Temple, Utah, Vernal Jackson Anderson, b. 22 Nov., 1899, Los Cerritos, Colo., son of Thomas Jackson Anderson and Lola Maybell Bagwell. Vernal J. Anderson filled a mission for the L. D. S. Church, Central States, in 1919-1920. Was a member of the Manassa Ward Bishopric, now High Counselor in the San Luis Stake. Farmer, stock raiser and dairyman. His wife, Jane, taught school and has always been a faithful Church worker in the L. D. S. Church. They live on a ranch three miles south of Manassa, Colo. Five children.
- 4-1 Richard Vernal Anderson, b. 20 Oct., 1921, Franklin, Ariz. Attended two years school at Adams State College, Alamosa after graduating from Manassa high school.
- 4-2 Norris Dee Anderson, b. 15 Oct., 1923, Claypool, Ariz. Graduated from Manassa high school, 1940, now attending the Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 4-3 Russell Deon Anderson, b. 2 Feb., 1927, Claypool, Ariz., d. 16 July, 1927, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-4 Carlton Q. Anderson, b. 24 May, 1928, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-5 Glenna Jane Anderson, b. 8 Oct., 1930, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-8 Horace Clive Crowther, b. 6 Aug., 1901, Sanford, Colo., m. 13 Oct., 1920, Almarine Cunningham, b. 22 Feb., 1903, Manassa, Colo., daughter of Alma Arias Cunningham and Amanda Almarine McKenzie. Horace graduated from a mechanical school at Wichita, Kansas, attended the San Luis Stake Academy, had fifteen years' experience in automobile repairing, is now in Washington, D. C., assisting in national defense work. Was a member of the Bishopric in the Alamosa Ward of the San Luis Stake, a High Priest and an active worker in the L. D. S. Church. Four children.
- 4-1 Elaine Crowther, b. 29 Aug., 1929, Sanford, Colo., m. ....  
 -----, son of -----.  
 ----- Both working for U. S. defense in Washington, D. C.
- 4-2 Kent Horace Crowther, b. 30 Sept., 1926, Miami, Ariz.

- 4-3 Dean K. Crowther, born 31 July, 1928, Manassa, Colorado.
- 4-4 Teddy Joe Crowther, b. 29 Jan., 1937, Alamosa, Colo. All the family live in Alexandria, Va., Route 4.
- 3-9 Laura Varina Crowther, b. 25 Nov., 1903, Sanford, Colo., m. 6 Dec., 1922, Rolland Hubert Sowards, b. 6 Sept., 1901, Manassa, Colo., son of Lewis W. Sowards and Lillie Huffaker. Rolland Sowards has been a faithful clerk in the mercantile business for 21 years. Laura attended the San Luis Stake Academy, is president of the Primary Association in the Manassa Ward, San Luis Stake, where the family reside. Six children.
- 4-1 Laura Jean Sowards, b. 8 Aug., 1923, Ignacio, Colo., m. 20 June, 1939, Ralph Vance, b. 15 April, 1921, son of Luther Monroe Vance and Nancy Maud Johnson. One child. Residence, La Jara, Colo.
- 5-1 Sharon Elain Vance, b. 7 Feb., 1940, Manassa, Colo.
- 4-2 Cline Rolland Sowards, b. 12 June, 1925, Manassa, Colo.
- 3 Coleen Sowards, b. 8 May, 1928, Manassa, Colo.
- 4 William Winfield Sowards, b. 22 Dec., 1929, Manassa, Colo.
- 5 Morris Sowards (twin), b. 3 Oct., 1935, Manassa, Colo.
- 6 Marie Sowards (twin), b. 3 Oct., 1935, Manassa, Colo.
- 3-10 Don Q. Crowther, b. 1 April, 1906, Sanford, Colo., m. 5 Sept., 1928, Mary Irene Swofford, b. 26 Feb., 1909, daughter of Claude Swofford and Myrtle Helen King. Two children. Don Q. Crowther attended the grade school at Sanford, Colo., the San Luis Stake Academy at Manassa and graduated at the mechanical school at Wichita, Kansas. Filled a mission in the Eastern States, New York, for the L. D. S. Church, 1925, 26, 27. Was a member of the Manassa Ward Bishopric, San Luis Stake, 1928-1929. Then left for Washington, D. C., where he attended the George Washington University, where he graduated in 1937. He has worked in the labor department under Ma Perkins and is still there helping to get the information on all the strikes of the nation. He is an active worker in the L. D. S. Church at Washington, D. C. and is the present Stake clerk. Their home is in Arlington, 5100 N. 25th St., Va.
- 4-1 Shirley Ann Crowther, b. 6 July, 1931, Washington, D. C.
- 4-2 Duane Swofford Crowther, b. 16 Aug., 1934, Washington, D. C.

## SHORT SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF ANNIE ROZILLA CROWTHER

**A**NNIE ROZILLA CROWTHER was born in Fountain Green, Sanpete County, Utah, 4 Dec., 1870, she was the eighth child of a family of ten children. Her parents, Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes. Rozilla was 5 feet 5 inches tall, medium heavy set, her complexion was very fair, light hair, when she was a child almost white, pretty cheeks, keen brown eyes, you would look in vain to find paint or powder that would produce such beautiful pink color. She always had a smile on her face. She received the best education that could be had in her home town. Her talent in music was very good, she was an exceptionally good alto singer. After attending the class in music of Prof. Adam C. Smyth, he discovered she had a sweet voice and a good personality and gave her the part of little Red Riding Hood in that opera, under his direction. She was then quite young. A favorite among her crowd. When nearly sixteen years of age, her youngest brother, William Orson Crowther, who had been in Colorado for over a year, returned home with a young bride. Her parents were persuaded to let her go with them back to Colorado, as her older sister, Laura, needed a girl to help her as she had quite a family of children to care for. Aunt Laura sent money to pay for Rozilla's fare on the railroad. On the last of October, 1886, she arrived in Sanford, Colorado, and made her home with the George Morgan family, her brother-in-law. She soon became acquainted with the young people of the community, and soon began to be escorted home from church and parties by different young men. However, being a sister-in-law to her brother Will's wife, a Mortensen, Rozilla frequently



visited them and there she got better acquainted with Holm Andreas Mortensen, the young man with whom she seemed to be a favorite.

Two years passed, they wooed and on October 10, 1888, they were wed in the temple at Manti, Utah, by Daniel H. Wells, in the presence of her parents and her oldest sister, Mary Ann and her husband, Lewis Anderson. They went up to her old home town, Fountain Green. There the town band came out and serenaded them and they had a fine evening together. Wedding supper. Her two younger sisters and her associates, parents and friends, were guests of the occasion. After spending their honeymoon visiting in Utah, they returned to Colorado, arriving October 31, 1888. There they first lived in a little frame house on the west side of Main street, one block north, and across the street on the southeast corner of Block 31, Town of Sanford. They were industrious and soon a small new brick house took the place of the little frame dwelling. They planted an orchard and shrubbery, English currants and gooseberries, which yielded abundantly in a very short time. They were happy. A number of children soon came to brighten their home and they were all welcome. *It takes a heap a livin'—to make a house a home.* There were deaths here also, twice did they lay away a young babe which brought sadness and grieving. Five boys and five girls are still living and married and have families. A remarkable thing, Rozilla was very light complexioned, keen brown eyes, six of the children have dark hair and brown eyes, and six had light hair and blue eyes.

In the spring of 1888, at the celebration of May day in Sanford, Colorado, Rozilla was chosen Queen of the May; the first May Day Queen in the town of Sanford, just a new town. Rozilla's gentle disposition made many





Annie Rozilla Crowther, Her Husband Holn A. Mortensen,  
First Two Children

friends for her. She was a neat housekeeper and a very proficient cook; her food was always very tasty, whether she had much or little to cook with. She was a thorough Latter-day Saint, observed the Word of Wisdom. She had lots of faith in prayers. In sickness she always wanted the elders to administer to her, and members of the family.

On the 10th day of December, 1909, in company with her husband and children, she left Sanford, Colorado by train for Mesa, Arizona. It was a cold morning, eight inches of snow on the ground and the thermometer was 14 degrees below zero. Rozilla's health was failing, she was not able to do any work. The doctor had done all he could for her, and recommended that she be taken to a lower climate, preferably Arizona. Her husband had visited Arizona, stopped in Mesa, two years previous with the thought of moving there. They arrived in Mesa on the 14th of December, 1909. It was like coming into a new world. It was a bright sunny morning, lawns were green, flowers blooming, oranges on the trees and grain growing in the fields. There had been a severe snow storm throughout the northern part of New Mexico and Arizona. It seemed just as cold and desolate as when they left Sanford, Colorado. It was evening when they left Ash Fork, about 7 p. m. When sunlight came they were in Phoenix. It was like a new world. Rozilla seemed to gain strength soon, but when the hot weather came in July, she had a very sick spell, due to the hot weather, and in her condition the doctor recommended that she be taken out of the heat until cooler weather came again. "We had not sold our home in Sanford, Colorado," says her husband, so they decided to go back to Colorado, which they did, arriving there on the 15th of July, 1910.

Soon after her marriage, she with her sister, Laura and brother, William O. and husband learned many quartetts, hymns and glees, and sang at many gatherings and celebrations, funerals, and especially at the family gatherings. She was a member of the ward choir up to the time of her death, a lover of literature and poetry, and wrote a number of poems. The death of her mother in 1896, was a sad blow to her as she depended so much on her counsel in sickness and the care of her children. At the family gathering held on the birthday celebration of her father, 12th of March, 1898, held at his room where he was living with his son, William Orson, Rozilla wrote the following verses for the occasion, and was read by her.

Oh how blest are we this evening,  
Blest far more than words can tell:  
That we may all here assemble,  
Gay and happy, free and well.  
Met to celebrate the birthday,  
Of our aged Father dear;  
And to fill his heart with gladness,  
With our merriment and cheer.  
Seventy-five years of life He's traveled,  
Seventy-five years of hopes and fears:  
From a tiny little baby,  
To Great Grandpa's ripened years.  
Years that bore him on through childhood,  
Unto manhood's brightest hours;  
Thence unto the marriage morning,  
With his bride bedecked with flowers.  
Thence unto a Father's station,  
And with Mother's joy and care:  
Fears that none can know but parents,  
Joys no other one's can share.  
Teaching oft the rule that's golden,  
Helping minds to bud and grow;  
Striving e're to lead our foot steps,  
In the paths that they should go.

Years passed by and still are passing,  
And we'er gathered here tonight:  
In a happy bond of union,  
And our hearts are gay and light.  
As we travel o'er in memory,  
All the many scenes of yore;  
And the days when we were children,  
But those days will come no more.  
Oh how blest are we this evening,  
We his children gathered here:  
That we have our dear Father,  
Spared to us our lives to cheer.  
And that as brothers, sisters,  
All may gather here tonight  
As we were when we were children,  
Round the fire side so bright.  
Mother trod life's stormy pathway,  
Near her three score years and ten:  
And dear Father he is older,  
Oh how faithful they have been.  
And may we as Fathers, Mothers,  
By our faith and honor show:  
That as budded, grown and blossomed,  
The seeds of honor they did sow.  
That when life's journey here is ended,  
And the master death doth call:  
That with garments pure and spotless,  
May be ready one and all.  
To ascend to realms of glory,  
In our Saviour's home above;  
There to bask through time eternal,  
In our parent's faithful love.

She had a very pleasing personality, she was nearly always singing while doing her work. A very pleasing compliment was paid to her and her husband by one of the town's enterprising men. He stated he had called at their home one morning, when he got to the door, he heard them singing a duet. He stopped and listened to the words.



Oh happy homes among the hills where flow a thousand crystal  
rills

Surrounded by grand Mountains high, where snow clad summits  
reach the sky;

My heart in-raptured with the sight, crys to the Heavens with  
delight.

God bless and guard our Mountain home, God bless our Moun-  
tain home.

He listened until they were through, then entered. He said he never heard anything so beautiful, that impressed him so much, but stated, that he was too busy to think of singing. He was always struggling for the almighty dollar. But said he would give anything if he could sing and enjoy life as much as they did. He thought the spirit of that song was worth more than all the wealth he could gather up. This couple enjoyed many of the happiest hours of their lives in singing, and this gift has been passed on to their children. But the youngest did not have the mother's care and teachings. After that sweet voiced bird had flown, they realized more than ever what she meant to them. On the 6th day of March, 1912, Rozilla died very suddenly and unexpectedly. Her death was caused by a premature birth, she died without saying a word to anyone of the family. The doctor had done all he could for her and left. Her husband, her sister Laura, the oldest son and a nurse were present in the room when she passed away. Funeral services in the ward chapel were held on March 8th, 1912. A large gathering of people were present, as she had a great many friends who came to pay their respects to her. Her two brothers, Thomas A. and William O. Crowther, and her two sisters, Sarah Jane and Laura M., and their families were present. The speaker was Bishop James P. Jensen, he spoke in high terms of praise for her, in the noble part she had done in rearing a large



family who were all honorable members and good workers in the church. The oldest son being the only one married before her death. In the family circle there was a dear mother missing, and there was never another that could take her place. The great responsibility now fell upon the oldest girl, Melvina Jane (Ina). She got along fine. But her marriageable age came and after her marriage, the father moved again to Mesa, Arizona, taking the younger children with him. There he married a widow with a family. His children shifted for themselves, all married but scattered in different states. His second wife died and he is a janitor at the high school in Mesa, Arizona. He has always been an active worker in the L.D.S. Church. Teacher in the Sanford Sunday School for many years. Member of the ward choir and chorister, violinist, played for many old time dances, a good man, has a wonderful posterity. A High Priest, is now past his seventy-fifth birthday, active and still feels young. He has a national baseball nine, sons of his two oldest sons, that are hard to beat, six feet to six feet four, some of them weigh 200 lbs., clean in their lives and fine stalwart young men. One is in the mission field for the L.D.S. Church and some are enlisted in the service of their country.

#### DESCENDANTS OF ANNIE ROZILLA CROWTHER

- 2- 8 Annie Rozilla Crowther, b. 4 Dec., 1870, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 10 Oct., 1888, Manti Temple, Utah, Holm Andreas Mortensen, b. 17 Oct., 1866, Parowan, Utah, son of Anders Jorgon Mortensen and Wilhelmina C. Ipson. 12 children. Residence, Sanford, Colo.
- 3- 1 Holm Eugene Mortensen, b. 18 Aug., 1889, Sanford, Colo., m. 11 Oct., 1911, Effie A. Nielson, daughter of Anthon Nielson and Maria Beck, b. 22 Sept., 1892, Sanford, Colo. Farmer and stock raiser, sheep preferred. Musician, a High Priest. Member of the Sanford Ward Bishopric. Reside on ranch three miles north of Sanford, Colo. Six children.

- 4- 1 Dolan Eugene Mortensen, b. 8 Jan., 1913, Sanford, Colo., d. 27 Jan., 1920.
- 4- 2 Floyd Lynn Mortensen, b. 23 Feb., 1915, Mapleton, Utah. Great ball player and athlete.
- 4- 3 Verden N. Mortensen, b. 2 Aug., 1918, Sanford, Colo., m. 27 Mar., 1937, Salt Lake Temple, Utah, Dorris Dunn, b. 7 Feb., 1919, daughter of Simeon H. Dunn and Annie Jensen. One child.
- 5- 1 DeAnn Mortensen, b. 14 June, 1939, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4- 4 Gaylon E. Mortensen, b. 3 Mar., 1923, Sanford, Colo. These three brothers, great athletes.
- 4- 5 Lena Mortensen, b. 30 May, 1927, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 6 Ernest Wayne Mortensen, b. 21 July, 1935, Alamosa, Colo.
- 3- 2 Elmina Jane Mortensen, b. April 2, 1891, Sanford, Colo., m. 25 Dec., 1912, Daniel Eugene Poulsen, b. 8 Sept., 1891, Sanford, Colo., son of Peter Poulsen and Margarite Christensen. Six children. Divorced. m. Ben Poulson, nephew of first husband. No children.
- 4- 1 Robert Eugene, Jr., Poulson, b. 13 Dec., 1915, Sanford, Colo., m. Sept. 23, 1936, Maxine Amelia Peterson, b. 20 Apr., 1918, daughter of Wilford Peterson and Jennie Poulson. Three children.
- 5- 1 Robet Eugene, Jr., Poulson, b. June 9, 1937.
- 5- 2 Donald Glen Poulson, b. Aug. 24, 1938.
- 5- 3 Allen Ray Poulson, b. Nov. 29, 1940.
- 4- 2 Thomas Boyd Poulson, b. 1 Jan., 1918, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 3 Mildred Poulson, b. 21 April, 1919, Sanford, Colo., m. William Chambers, b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of \_\_\_\_\_  
Two children.
- 5- 1 \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5- 2 \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- 4 Keith Lynn Poulson, b. 4 Jan., 1921, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_, b. \_\_\_\_\_, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- 5 Raymond H. Poulson, b. 11 April, 1922, Sanford, Colo., d. 5 May, 1922.
- 4- 6 Richard Wayne Poulson, b. 2 Nov., 1924, Sanford, Colo.
- 3- 3 Randell Cluff Mortensen, b. 21 Aug., 1894, Sanford, Colo., m. 3 June, 1914, Sanford, Colo., Helen F. McIntire, b. 28 July, 1898, Sanford, Colo., daughter of Joseph McIntire and Maria Rasmussen. 12 children, wonderful family of athletes.

- 4- 1 Hillard Randall Mortensen, b. 9 Mar., 1915, Sanford, Colo., m. 5 Nov., 1933, Wynona Marie Sabin, b. 23 July, 1914, daughter of Lee Roy Sabin and May Rosalee. Three children.
- 5- 1 Barbara Mosilee Mortensen, b. 10 May, 1937.
- 5- 2 Judith Marie Mortensen, b. 19 Dec., 1938.
- 5- 3 Randall Lee Mortensen, b. 21 Aug., 1941, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 2 Lois Helen Mortensen, b. 15 Feb., 1917, Sanford, Colo., d. 23 June, 1917.
- 4- 3 Joseph Cline Mortensen, b. 20 May, 1918, Sanford, Colo., m. 25 April, 1936, Ruth Peterson, b. 5 Oct., 1918, daughter of Orval Peterson and Ella Shawcroft.
- 5- 1 Robert Mortensen, b. June, 1936, d. June -----
- 5- 2 Donald Vagrett Mortensen, b. 8 Apr., 1940.
- 4- 4 Louise Mortensen, b. 15 Nov., 1919, Sanford, Colo., m. 13 Oct., 1940, James Dyer, b. 25 Nov., 1918, son of John Dyer and May Warnick.
- 4- 5 Herbert Fred Mortensen, b. 11 Jan., 1921. On Mission for L.D.S. Church, Central States, Missouri, 1941.
- 4- 6 Albert McIntire Mortensen, b. 5 June, 1922, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 7 Clyde Holm Mortensen, b. 7 Sept., 1923, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 8 Ralph Kent Mortensen, b. 8 Sept., 1925, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 9 Donald Eugene Mortensen, b. 12 April, 1928, Jarosa, Colo.
- 4-10 Carol Mortensen, b. 7 Mar., 1933, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4-11 Alice Mortensen (Twin), b. 13 Apr., 1935, Jarosa, Colo.
- 4-12 Marie Mortensen (Twin), b. 13 Apr., 1935, Jarosa, Colo.
- 3- 4 Hazel Rozilla Mortensen, b. 26 Nov., 1895, Sanford, Colo., m. 30 Dec., 1914, Manassa, Colo., Marion Richard Christensen, b. 2 Mar., 1893, Manassa, Colo., son of William Christensen and Wilhelmina Peterson. Eight children.
- 4- 1 Marion Richard, Jr., Christensen, b. 24 Nov., 1916, Antonito, Colo., d. 28 Aug., 1918.
- 4- 2 Chester Lynn Christensen, b. 2 April, 1919, d. 2 April, 1919.
- 4- 3 Grant M. Christensen, b. 28 June, 1920, Mesa, Ariz. On mission to Canada (1941) for L.D.S. Church.
- 4- 4 Ruth Christensen, b. 9 July, 1922, Manassa, Colo., d. 9 July, 1922.
- 4- 5 Lenore Christensen, b. 29 Feb., 1924, Long Beach, California.
- 4- 6 Hazel Louise Christensen, b. 17 Feb., 1926, Manassa, Colo., d. 17 Feb., 1926.
- 4- 7 Glenna Christensen, b. 22 April, 1927, Los Angeles, Calif.

- 4- 8 Cherie Lou Christensen, b. 7 Aug., 1932, Alamosa, Colorado.
- 3- 5 Laura Nellie Mortensen, b. 14 Feb., 1897, Sanford, Colo., d. Oct., 1897.
- 3- 6 Leona Mortensen, b. 31 Jan., 1900, Sanford, Colo., m. 17 Apr., 1926, Otto Jasmann, divorced, and m. George Strong, June, 1941, b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of \_\_\_\_\_. Three children by first husband.
- 4- 1 Otto Henry Jasmann, Jr., b. 29 May, 1927, Santa Monica, Calif.
- 4- 2 Hugo J. Jasmann, b. 29 Jan., 1929 (Twin), Santa Monica, Calif.
- 4- 3 Hubert M. Jasmann, b. 29 Jan., 1929 (Twin), Santa Monica, Calif.
- 3- 7 Aaron Crowther Mortensen, b. April 13, 1901, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_, Ione Ann Schmidt, b. 15 Oct., 1900 (Divorced.) Three children. Reside, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 4- 1 Herbert David Mortensen, b. 14 Feb., Phoenix, Ariz.
- 2 Paul Gerald Mortensen, b. 12 July, 1932, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 3 Joan Riter Mortensen, b. 15 June, 1935, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 3- 8 Clifford Mortensen, b. 17 Mar., 1903, Sanford, Colo., m. Helen Wandke, (divorced). m. Golda Armitte Packard, 24 July, 1932, b. 11 Nov., 1904, daughter of A. D. Packard and Silvia \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3- 9 Marcella Mortensen, b. Jan. 7, 1905, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_, William Franks, b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of \_\_\_\_\_. Two children.
- 4- 1 Coralee Elaine Franks, b. 24 May, 1934, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 2 Anthony J. Franks, b. 4 Oct., 1937, Portland, Oregon.
- 3-10 Golda Mortensen, b. 3 Feb., 1907, Sanford, Colo., d. \_\_\_\_\_, 1907.
- 3-11 Lynn Hemming Mortensen, b. 1 May, 1908, Sanford, Colo., m. 31 Dec., 1932, Taos, New Mex., Ruth Viola Mathews, b. 18 June, 1913, daughter of John Mathews and Ada Louise. One child.
- 4- 1 Bonnie Evelyn Mortensen, b. 23 Nov., 1936, Jarosa, Colo.
- 3-12 Cora Mortensen, b. 23 April, 1910, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen Maroni. One child. Stephen Lynn, died at birth. Divorced. She was a professional dancer. Married David Beanford, 2nd husband.



## SHORT SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF VILATE MAY CROWTHER

**V**ILATE MAY CROWTHER, daughter of Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes, was born 1 May, 1872, Fountain Green, Utah, the ninth child of a family of ten children. She went through many of the trials and hardships pertaining to early pioneering, yet not so severe as the first children born to this family. Peace had been established with the Indians about the time of her coming into the world, times improved because the people could get out and work on their farms, and roam the hills and mountains and they felt free. While it was a struggle to obtain the necessities of life, all members of the family labored hard and the older members especially were thoughtful of the comforts of the young ones. On holidays, more especially Christmas time, the oldest girls would help mother make rag dolls, and nick nacks for all, that the Christmas stockings that hung by the fireplace might be filled to the brim. This young girl with the rest would be awake before peep o'day, get out of bed and feel the stockings, to find out if Santa Claus had come. Oh the joy, the hustling to get dressed; (for it was the rule in this home that we were not to take down our stocking until we were dressed). Schooling facilities began to improve, the town was now twelve years of age and about one hundred families had located there, a postoffice, school house, co-op store, the United Order was organized there. Most everything was run by the organization of the L.D.S. Church. Emigrants from eight to ten nationalities, Old American stock, English, Scotch, Welsh, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Holland. Danish were predominant. All went to the same school, the same church, learned the English language, danced



together and in a very few years forgot all about nationalities. Three boys and three girls out of this family married Danish companions, and one girl a Swede. Vilate May was one of the girls to take a Danish man for her companion. She was active in the community, in school and socials, had been taught to sing and play the organ, but by the time she was eight years of age, quite a number of the older members of the family had married and started homes for themselves. A number of them going to Colorado, was the result of causing all the family except the oldest daughter, Mary Ann, who had located at Manti, Utah, to follow.

By the year 1890, Vilate May, with her parents and youngest sister, being the only survivors of the Thomas Crowther family left in Fountain Green, Utah, left in March for Colorado, where they made their home. May, as we all called her, being born on the first of May, was given that name. She was a beautiful figure approaching the age of eighteen, a good dancer and entertainer, she took well with the young people of Sanford and surroundings. Here she met a young Danish man from her home town of Fountain Green, James C. Jensen, a former neighbor. They became quite attached to each other and soon decided to become partners for life. Went back to the Manti Temple, Utah, and were married there 16 Oct., 1890.

After their honeymoon trip they returned to Sanford, Colo. In a short time a small new frame house was built in the northwest corner of town, just across the street west from his father and mother. May was a tall, slender woman, fair complexion, brown hair and eyes, self sacrificing for the comfort of others. It was pleasing to anyone to go to their home and to have them at our family socials.



Vilate May Crowther, Husband James C. Jensen

James C. Jensen was 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed about 160 lbs., wore a heavy mustache; a very fine neighbor. Very industrious and considerate of his family, a likeable fellow. He was active in the L.D.S. Church, filled a mission to the Southern States about 1894-5. A good farmer and business man.

They were very unfortunate in losing three of their children by death, leaving only one girl, Etta May, who has survived them, and married Clarence Hansen, a distant relative from the old home town of Fountain Green, where they now reside. They have a very fine family of six children. Three of them married.

Vilate May died after a short illness, severe cold and pneumonia, 9 Mar., 1902, Sanford, Colo. After her death, Etta May and Robert, the two children living, were left with their grandmother Jensen, until April, 1904. James C. married a young lady, Nora Fredericksen, a very fine woman, and she became a good mother to May's children. In 1914, Robert died. Two children were born to this union, Earl and Maggie. Then on 8 Oct., 1906, James C. Jensen died, leaving Nora a widow with three children to care for.

#### DESCENDANTS OF VILATE MAY CROWTHER

- 2-9 Vilate May Crowther, b. 1 May, 1872, Fountain Green, Utah, d. 9 Mar., 1902, Sanford, Colo., m. 16 Oct., 1890, Manti Temple, Utah, James C. Jensen, b. 3 Aug., 1865, Fountain Green, Utah, son of James Nielson Jensen and Metta Katrena. Four children.
- 3-1 James Ernest Jensen, b. 25 Aug., 1892, Sanford, Colo., d. 8 Oct., 1912, accident, load of rock on the wagon which he was driving a team. He fell and the wheel ran over him.
- 3-2 Etta May Jensen, b. 5 Oct., 1894, Sanford, Colo., m. 14 Feb., 1917, Clarence W. Hansen, b. 8 July, 1893, Fountain Green, Utah, son of Hans Hansen (Bough) and Carline Jensen. Six children born to them. They reside at Fountain Green, Utah. All active church workers in L.D.S. Church. She was presi-

dent of the Primary association for years in the Fountain Green Ward, North Sanpete Stake.

- 3-3 Robert Jensen, b. 11 Feb., 1900, Sanford, Colo., d. 17 June, 1914, Sanford, Colo.
- 3-4 Elmer Thomas Jensen, b. 24 Feb., 1898, Sanford, Colo., d. an infant.
- 4-1 Jewell Marteen Hansen, b. 21 Nov., 1917, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 18 Jan., 1935, Elwin Grant Goble, b. 26 Apr., 1910, son of George Goble and Marcel Ingram. Three children.
- 5-1 Grant Lary Gobel, b. 22 Feb., 1936, Nephi, Utah.
- 5-2 Ronald Merrill Gobel, b. 30 Oct., 1937, Nephi, Utah.
- 5-3 Carolyn Gobel, b. 2 Sept., 1940, Nephi, Utah.
- 4-2 Jessie May Hansen, b. 29 Aug., 1920, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 25 May, 1938, Ramond Sudweeks, b. 15 Apr., 1917, Nephi, Utah, son of Richard Sudweeks and Florence Bowls. Two children.
- 5-1 Richard Sudweeks, b. 19 June, 1930, Nephi, Utah.
- 5-2 Raymond Marice Sudweeks, b. 19 Aug., 1941, Nephi, Utah.
- 4-3 Willard Clayton Hansen, b. 7 June, 1921, Fountain Green, Utah.
- 4-4 Kay Arnell Hansen, b. 20 June, 1923, Fountain Green, Utah.
- 4-5 Devona Iona Hansen, b. 6 Feb., 1925, Elberta, Utah.
- 4-6 Gordon Merrill Hansen, b. 2 Sept., 1929, Fountain Green, Utah.



## BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF NELLIE CROWTHER (MORTENSEN)

**N**ELLIE was born in Fountain Green, Utah, July 18, 1875, to Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes. Here she lived and grew to young womanhood. She was schooled and educated in the private schools of this town under the tuition of the best teachers of the neighborhood. She was especially gifted in penmanship, her handwriting being almost as legible as print. She was a gifted and talented leader among her sex, for she was an interesting conversationalist and mixer, and had many admirers among the opposite sex. Being of English decent, she often used expression of the English brogue in her speech.

With her parents she immigrated to Colorado in 1888, and took up her residence in Sanford. Here she made many friends and acquaintances; among her many boy friends, her favorite one was Lars Hanmer Mortensen. As she was fair to look upon, she had many admirers. Being a good singer and performing well on the organ, she was gifted as an entertainer. She could accompany herself in singing as well as other soloists.

Soon after her arrival in Colorado, her principal interest turned to her future husband, Lars Hanmer Mortensen, whom she wooed and wed on 26 Nov., 1893, at her parent's home. Brother George W. Irvin performed the ceremony, surrounded by a host of friends and relatives. On account of financial difficulties, this young couple was not married in the Holy Temple, for the very important event. Apostle John Henry Smith advised the young couple to go ahead and marry at home and postpone the Temple marriage on account of economic reasons, for said he, "When I return to Colorado, I will





Nellie Crowther Mortensen

perform the sealing ordinance, the same as though it were performed in the Temple, therefore, children born to you will be born under the new and everlasting covenant."

Nellie served in many capacities in the Ward, such as Mutual, Choir and Sunday School. Her work and record as secretary of the Sunday School under the superintendency of Lars Mortensen, her father-in-law, who was very fond of her, was particularly outstanding. For which Assistant Church Historian, Andrew Jenson, gave the following comment: "This, Sister Nellie, is the finest record it has been my pleasure to examine in all the Church."

During the first winter of married life, her husband Hanmer was engaged as a teacher in the Sanford School. The newly wed couple were living in the new brick house then owned by Job Whitney, and although his salary was but \$35.00 per month, because of thrift, he purchased a five-acre tract of land in the east five acre field. At the conclusion of the school term they moved into the little log house across the street east from the Swen Peterson home, where they resided until their own little home across the street was made ready for occupancy. During the summer of 1894 every effort was being made to get this new home completed, being greatly aided by Lars Mortensen the father-in-law. Besides this work and tending their little crop, Nellie accompanied her husband down on the old Ball Ranch, where he was assisting Peter A. Mortensen in putting up the hay on said ranch.

One day, September 14, 1894, evidence of the arrival of the stork began to appear; not being familiar with such an experience, the young couple hardly knew what to do. Peter being wiser than they, suggested it would be better

to leave the ranch and consult the doctor or nurse. Acting on the timely suggestion, in a few hours, about six p. m. of that day, they were in Sanford. Mother Mortensen was quickly summoned and in a few moments were assured that conditions were perfectly normal and that they might expect the stork to appear before many hours. The next day, September 15, 1894, Nellie presented her husband with a fine 7½-pound boy. So Hanmer Wells, as he was called, became a new member of the family, there never was prouder parents, nor a finer baby said his mother: there never was a mother who cared more carefully for a child, both in dress and other care than Nellie. The boy baby became the idol of all who knew him, he never cried or gave any trouble until he had reached his 16th birthday.

She was a fine housekeeper, very congenial and loving and thoughtful in the home. It is doubtful if there was ever a happier home than her home, for they constantly strove to make each other happy; no contention but full confidence reigned supreme. Wherever her husband's work took him, Nellie and the loving baby also went. During the next year Hanmer was offered the principalship of the public school at Monticello, Utah. There both went and became important additions to the new neighborhood. Said Pres. Platt Lymon to the young couple, "The neighborhood has been made better by your work and residence here."

During the early spring of 1896, as we were preparing to leave for home, the sad, sad news reached us that Nellie's loving mother had suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. In her delicate state of health, the shock was so great that it preyed on her mind until her health was impaired. Finally on July 11 she gave birth to another bouncing boy 10½ lbs., Penn

B. Mortensen. At the time of the birth it seemed that Mother Crowther came to call for her, for Nellie saw her and said, "Mother!" She never showed signs of being perfectly normal, although the good and conscientious Dr. George Hamilton did his best to care for her and restore her to health. One day he said to me, "Mr. Mortensen, I have done my best, but it seems we must submit to the inevitable." On August 10, 1896, dear Nellie was taken into another sphere, leaving a heart broken husband and two fine baby boys to be cared for and reared, a father, brothers and sisters to weep and wait and hope for the day when they may all meet again where there will be no more sorrow, sickness, pain nor death. She lived and loved and her presence is greatly missed. This poem by Don Q. Crowther sets forth plainly the faith of this family in the marriage relationship.

### THE JUNE COUPLE No. 2

As time flows past you, year by year,  
Little voices, children dear;  
Will brighten many days to come,  
And tie your heart strings near to home.  
And if a shadow comes one day,  
When 'neath the earth you lay away:  
A boy or girl with eyes of blue,  
Or perhaps it may be one of you.  
  
When death comes back and one by one,  
It takes them, till near all are gone;  
In that day, my happy pair  
When you'r engulfed in deep despair:  
When you like Him on Calvary,  
Will cry, hast thou forsaken me?  
Your heart will then turn unto God,  
You'll look back o'er the ways you've trod.



And plead to Heaven with trembling voice,  
That the loving souls of your heart and choice  
May live again as they did of yore,  
Renew their loving ties once more.  
Be not estranged in foreign lands,  
But take each other by the hand.  
See and love and feel and know,  
The thrills you knew long years ago.  
God has said my happy pair,  
That loving ties continue there.  
If in the Temple of the Lord,  
You'r wed by His own power and word.  
Not 'till death you two doth part,  
For death will only be the start;  
Of centuries where you will be,  
Together through eternity.  
To share the sweet delights and joys,  
Of Heaven with your girls and boys.  
If in your youthful hearts you're sure,  
There burns a love that will indure.  
Beyond the pale of mortal days,  
To cheer and hope and help always.  
Then don't accept a term so short,  
As until death you two doth part.  
Lift your eyes to God's great plan,  
Divinely shaped that every man;  
With wife, and children doubly blest,  
Can there obtain eternal rest.  
From folly, vice and worldly sin,  
And build a loving realm therein.  
The lives of those you love so dear,  
May be secure from harm and fear.  
There within that sheltered nook,  
You and yours can dwell, and look,  
Into the great eternity,  
Which yours for work and joy shall be;  
Think far young happy pair, and you,  
Can make your happiest dreams come true.  
Think not in terms of earthly years,  
Through which you move 'mid sighs and tears;



But let your vision dare extend,  
Through countless ages without end.  
Where you will travel hand in hand,  
With faith to walk and understand  
The path to all eternal joys,  
For husband, wife and girls and boys.

## LARS HANMER MORTENSEN

Lars Hanmer Mortensen, b. 9 Nov., 1870, at Parowan, Utah. Moved with his parents to the San Luis Valley, Colorado in 1887, settled in the town of Sanford which was just begun in 1885. Worked on the farm with his father, passing through the trials and vicissitudes of pioneer life, until 1892, when he went to Provo, Utah, to attend the Brigham Young Academy. On April 6th, 1893, was privileged to attend the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple with his father and other San Luis Stake members of Colorado. There listened to the inspiring words of the president of the Church, Wilford Woodruff. With the school year over, went back home to Sanford, Colo., and was engaged to teach in the Sanford school. On November 26, 1893, was married to Nellie Crowther.

"I continued to seek for knowledge and an education, attending institutes and normal schools, until I received a high first grade certificate. Continued with my educational work until I received a P. D. M. Degree from Greeley, Colorado, 1914. Prior to this time after having served as principal of Sanford public school for five years, 1902 to 1907, was called on a mission to the Northeastern States by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After having accepted the mission and prepared to go, the presidency of the Church, at the request of the presidency of the Snowflake Stake, through the recommendation of

Prof. L. F. Moench, principal of the Snowflake Academy, my mission was changed to go to Snowflake Academy and teach music there, where I served from December, 1907 to the spring of 1910. I was released from my mission there and returned to my home in Sanford, Colo., where I recuperated my health which had been run down because of excessive over work. I was then appointed teacher of music, history, theology, etc., in the San Luis Stake Academy, where I served for four years.

"In January, 1914, I engaged in politics and served in Conejos county office of county treasurer. Two years later was elected county superintendent of schools of said county and served two terms, four years. 1920-21 was placed at the head of the music department of the Center Consolidated Schools at Center, Colorado, achieving some success. The next year was elected high school principal of the Sargeant Consolidated School at Monte Vista, Colorado. Because of the high type of student body and teacher organization, this school was designated by the school authorities of the nation as the best consolidated school in the United States and the Center Consolidated, both of whom we had organized, as the second best. Was selected superintendent of public schools of Manassa, Colorado, to organize the Manassa High School as a state high school on the basis of the remains of the old academy. Within a year and a half we placed Manassa High School on the accredited list of high schools of the state, because of the proper type of organization. Served from 1924 to 1927. This school was then designated by the state C. E. A. as one of the very best. In 1927 made a visit to Los Angeles, California, and soon began work in the high schools of that great city and served for twelve years. Should have mentioned that I received a degree of A. B. at Greeley, Colorado, 1922. Also an honor degree

of eminent service from Colorado State in January, 1927, without solicitation and a National Social Science College Degree of Pi Gamma Mu, 1927. In 1933, was appointed Bishop of Pasadena Ward, where I served for two years, but because of long distance to my work, was released and appointed Stake Superintendent of Sunday Schools of Hollywood Stake."

Was sent as a special delegate to the N. E. A. at Washington, D. C., in 1934, and to Denver, Colorado, in 1935. On June 5, 1937, was granted a Master Degree in Science of Education by the University of Southern California. In 1941, was elected to membership of the Forty Plus C. In the fall of 1941 came back to Colorado and taught the Norton Ville School during the winter and spring of 1942, his wife being with him.

#### DESCENDANTS OF NELLIE CROWTHER

- 2-10 Nellie Crowther, b. 18 July, 1875, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 26 Nov., 1893, Sanford, Colo., Lars Hanmer Mortensen, b. 9 Nov. 1870, Parowan, Utah, son of Lars Mortensen and Cornelia Decker. Resided at Sanford, Colo. Two children born to this union. Nellie d. 10 Aug., 1896. Lars Hanmer, married his second wife 12 Oct., 1896, Luna C. Bailey, who became a fine mother to his two boys left him as babes. She died 9 Sept., 1926. He was always an ardent worker in the L.D.S. Church, was a member of the Bishopric in the Sanford Ward for years. Was diligent in seeking an education. Has made teaching his profession. Has taught in Colorado, Arizona and California. Is now back in Colorado teaching in the Norton Ville school. Many of the young people under his tuition have been inspired to high ideals and given an ambition to seek for a better life. On 21 Oct., 1927, he married a third wife Gussie Leone Yielding, b. 18 Sept., 1889. She is now with him here in Colorado, a very fine woman. No children by either of his last wives.
- 3-1 Hanmer Wells Mortensen, b. 15 Sept., 1894, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_, first wife, Hazel Nielson, b. \_\_\_\_\_,

died soon after marriage, daughter of Peter Nielson and Laura King. Married second wife \_\_\_\_\_, Blanch Kirtland, b. \_\_\_\_\_, daughter of Daniel Jackson Kirtland and Alice Von Cannon, d. \_\_\_\_\_. Two children were born to this union. Wells was a talented musician, filled a mission for the L.D.S. Church in France, was called home when the World War No. 1 broke out \_\_\_\_\_. After the death of his second wife he married his third wife \_\_\_\_\_. They returned to Sanford, Colo., where he died 27 June, 1933, bur. Sanford Cemetery.

- 4- 1 Lovelle Louise Mortensen, b. 6 Aug., 1919, La Jara, Colo., m. 4 Apr., 1936, Elmer E. Parr, son of Earl Parr.
- 5- 1 Coleen Ann Parr, b. 5 July, 1939, Wendell, Idaho.
- 4- 2 Coleen Mortensen, b. 22 June, 1922, La Jara, Colo., m. 27 Oct., 1940, Howard Clayton Johnson, b. 10 Sept., 1912, son of August Johnson.
- 5- 1 Coleen Ann Parr, b. 5 July, 1939, Wendell, Idaho.
- 3- 2 Penn Bertrand Mortensen, b. 11 July, 1896, Sanford, Colo., m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1919, Bessie Warnock, b. 17 Mar., 1899, daughter of James Warnock and Rozilla Reynolds. Ten children. Address, 720 E. Grand View, Arvado, Colo.
- 4- 1 Penn Odell Mortensen, b. 30 May, 1920, Logan, Utah.
- 4- 2 Lois May Mortensen, b. 17 Nov., 1922, Boulder, Colo.
- 4- 3 Norris Jay Mortensen, b. 1 July, 1924, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 4 Nellie Jean Mortensen, b. 13 March, 1926, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 5 Verres Mortensen, b. 19 Dec., 1928, Sanford, Colo., d. 19 Feb., 1929.
- 4- 6 Thomas Lyle Mortensen, b. 3 April, 1931, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 7 Norland McRay Mortensen, b. 11 Jan., 1933, Sanford, Colo.
- 4- 8 Marvin Wells Mortensen, b. 18 Sept., 1934, Alamosa, Colo.
- 4- 9 Gerald Richard Mortensen, b. 24 March, 1936, Sanford, Colo.
- 4-10 Larry Steven Mortensen, b. 26 April, 1941, Denver, Colo.





Thomas Crowther Reunion, Sanford, Colo., 26 July, 1941





## **Part Two**

### **Richard Crowther Family**



Esther Price Crowther



Richard Crowther



Annie M. Christensen  
Crowther

## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF RICHARD CROWTHER

**R**ICHARD CROWTHER was born 1 October, 1839, at the Parish of Bridge North, Shropshire, England. Son of Thomas Crowther and Ann Preece. He was the eighth child in a family of nine children. His schooling was limited, as in a family of this size, of the laboring class, the children were placed with some one in more affluent circumstances. His experience as a boy was more particularly along the line of gardening. He labored at different places until he was about twenty-five years of age. Born of goodly parents, his life was gauged by religious influence. He helped his parents as much as he could.

Richard met the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was converted to that faith. Along with his older brothers, he became a member through baptism and confirmation by one having authority. He left England and came to the U. S. A. in 1864. He crossed the Plains and experienced the hardships of the early pioneers and made his Home with his Brother Thomas Crowther. He helped his brother on the farm and, in partnership with one John Shawcroft, a young man about his age whose parents were converts from England, he worked in the canyons getting out logs for a house.

Brother Shawcroft being quite a thrifty man was later called to move to the San Luis Valley, Colorado and help build settlements, which ended this partnership. He often testified of the honesty and integrity of Richard Crowther. They had worked together for a number of years in various undertakings and never kept any particular records of their business. Some people said, surely you two will have a great time settling up your

affairs. When settlement time came, they made a division of their profits and both were entirely satisfied. They both met Danish girls and were married about the same time. Richard took to wife Annie Margaret Christensen born 3 Sept. 1853, at Hermustia, Fredericksburg, Denmark. She was one of the pioneers of Utah, located at Fountain Green. Her father was a carpenter. She had one brother, Zorum and one sister, Mary.

To this couple were born ten children. Five sons and five daughters. See record following.

They had a hard struggle to take care of these children and they worked hard. Richard farmed during the summer and freighted supplies by team to the mines down in the southwest part of Utah. He was a great horse trader. He would sometimes trade four or five times on a trip of about two weeks. You could never know him by his team when he returned. When the railroad came through Fountain Green about 1880, he had a little span of mules, and they were pert and full of life. At one time he was working on the railroad about three miles south of town. At quitting time as the train came by he undertook to keep up with it for the three miles to home. When the whistle sounded from the engine he was unhitching the tugs, declaring it was a good race. Some of the people called him wild Dickey Crowther. He was a good driver but liked to let his team run once in a while.

During the winter of 1884 Richard Crowther, David Coombs, William O. Crowther, his nephew, and William Collard took their turn as assigned by the Bishop of the ward to go down and work on the Manti Temple. For leveling the grounds on the north side of the Temple, Richard took his little mule team and his wagon equipped for hauling dirt. By using planks, loose on



the bottom and sides, he could unload by turning the planks one at a time and quickly get the load off. Two men stayed at the west edge of the high hill or crest to help dump the loads. They would insist that the driver keep out close to the edge so they would not have to shovel so much. Richard drove the little mules out a bit to far. The wagon began to slide in the loose dirt, tipped over and over, mules and all, going about one hundred feet to the bottom.

Another instance while working on the Temple grounds: A fire alarm was sounded in the northwest part of Manti. The home of Brother Parsons was on fire and the men working on the temple grounds were ordered to go and help extinguish the fire. Richard Crowther said, "Jump on boys and we will be off." About ten or more men jumped on the loose planks on his wagon and we were soon down off the Temple Hill and a couple of blocks on our way to the fire. The little mules were sped up to full speed and the men and planks were strewn along the road. The driver, Richard, got the mules stopped and the men and planks were soon replaced and away they went again. In two more blocks the same thing was repeated. Richard shouted, "Hurry on boys, they need our help." The men jumped up and motioned for him to go on shouting, "We'll walk." So he arrived without a passenger, the men following him and rendering their services in putting out the fire. They then arranged the planks on the wagon and agreed to ride back with Richard on condition that he would go on slowly and agree to get them back safely.

Another instance: Richard was taking his family down to his farm to see how the crops were doing. Aunt Annie was rather a large woman and the family were quite small children. He had a dilapidated wagon



Members of Richard Crowther's First Family

box and he put some hay in the bottom for his wife and children to sit on. Richard stood up in the front to drive the little mules. He went south one block then east to the main road. When they got to the center of the block, just before entering Main street, the mules had come to a good speed. Turning to Frank, his eldest son, who was quite a big boy, Richard said, "Hold me hat Frank, while I drive," giving his hat to the boy. Just at that moment, as he turned to go on Main street, a tire came off one of the wheels of the wagon and rolled along the side. Richard shouted out, "Ay, whose tire is that?" He always got along without any serious accident.

He was a good entertainer at home and in company. Uncle Thomas' children all liked to see Uncle Richard come to their home. He sang many songs to entertain and please the people. "Where Is My Wandering Boy To-night" and "My Grandfather Was A Most Wonderful Man."

He could do and invent,  
 He could poetry write;  
 He could do most anything,  
 He could wrestle; he could fight.  
 Talking, ah, talk about fighting,  
 'E's the chap to 'it'em.  
 One day Grandfather got into a fight.  
 'E knocked the fellow so far,  
 It took six osses and a coach  
 Six weeks to bring 'im back again.

Chorus:

What a pity it was,  
 His life was but a span;  
 My Grandfather was  
 A most wonderful man.

When Richard's Brother Thomas and families moved to Colorado, they missed the visits of Uncle Richard and his family. Many of them never saw him again,

but he lived in their memory. He lived a clean life, honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow-men. He left the impress of his life and teachings on his family, his relatives and friends. His first family, as was usually the case, when he took the second wife felt they were somewhat neglected and had to shift for themselves. But they are all good citizens and active workers in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—men and women of honor and integrity to truth and righteousness.



Richard Franklin Crowther, Oldest Son of Richard and Annie M. Crowther



## ANNIE CHRISTENSEN, FIRST WIFE OF RICHARD CROWTHER

Annie Margaret Christensen was born in Denmark, Sept. 3, 1853. She crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel with her parents, Christen Christensen, b. 24 Dec. 1828, Elling Vensyssel, Denmark, and Johanna Peterson Christensen, b. 16 Dec. 1824, Denmark, when Annie was eight years old. During this voyage her baby sister died and was buried in the ocean. When Annie was fifteen years old she married Richard Crowther, in the old Fort at Fountain Green, Utah. They were married by Orson Hyde, one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, about the year 1867. They lived at Fountain Green for about twenty-two years. Here ten children were born to them, the oldest a girl, named Martha Ann. She died while still a baby and was buried there. Later they lost a baby boy named Samuel Edward, who is also buried at Fountain Green. Their four boys and four girls grew to maturity and married and all had families. When Richard Crowther married a plural wife, he took her and his first family down into Wayne County, Utah. Annie stayed down there about four years. She then went to Sevier County, and stayed with some of her married children. Later she moved with her oldest son, Frank, up to Bear River City, Utah. Here she died in the fall of 1905. She was buried at Elwood, Box Elder County, Utah. She was good at sewing, she made her children's clothes and braided straw and made straw hats for them. She was a kind, even tempered woman, never allowing herself to get excited even in the turmoils with the Indians.



Annie always made the neighbors and relatives welcome at their home. She endured the trials and hardships of the early settlement of the west with patience and hope for a better future. She had faith in the restored Gospel for which her parents and family sacrificed all to leave Denmark and gather with the Saints in the Rocky Mountains. She never wanted to go back.

She leaves a host of relatives and friends and a numerous posterity to inherit the blessings she has left them—faith, hope, industry and love for each other. Long she will live in their memory.



Annie M. Crowther, 1st Wife, Richard Crowther and Members of Family

## SKETCH OF MARY JANE CROWTHER AND HUSBAND LEGRAND DURFEE, SR.

**M**ARY JANE CROWTHER, daughter of Richard Crowther and Annie Margaret Christensen, was born 22 January 1870 at Fountain Green, Utah. She attended the schools of that early day, the beginning of the free school system. She grew up to womanhood in the home of a large family, associating with her cousins and the young people of the town until about 1887, when her father took the family to southern Utah to pioneer a new settlement. Along with the family she experienced the hardships that were usual among the pioneers of that day. The family moved to Sevier Valley about 1892. There Mary Jane met a young man, LeGrand Durfee, whose life came into hers and after a short acquaintance they were married in the Manti Temple, on May 4, 1892. From that time their history has been one. To this couple were born ten children. They were both of a religious nature, being born of goodly parents who taught them to believe in the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ; that a Prophet of God had been raised up in this day; that Joseph Smith was that Prophet; that through him that restoration had come again to the earth; that a great and marvelous work had come forth among the children of men, and should never be thrown down, nor given to another people.

The parents taught these things to their children, who had the gift of faith to believe them and conform their lives in harmony with them. Mary Jane worked as a counselor in the Relief Society for sixteen years; also as a teacher in that society for several years. She was an officer in the organization of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.



LeGrand Durfee, Mary Jane Crowther Durfee and Members of their Family



LeGrand Durfee, sr., husband of Mary Jane Crowther, was born Dec. 11, 1869 at Springville, Utah; son of Jabes Durfee and Celestia Curtis. He died 15 Dec., 1941 at Aurora, Utah where his home had been for so many years. He was an honest, industrious man; provided well for his family; was a lover of stock, especially horses. He and his boys entered the state fair of Utah with some of the best teams in the state and carried off the prizes in a matched contest for the best pulling team. He was also active in his Church duties. He was a High Priest and a member of the High Council of the North Sevier stake of Zion for several years; also a special stake home missionary. In his earlier years he acted as teacher in several organizations of the ward and as secretary of the Y. M. M. I. A. He filled a mission in the Central States -----.

LeGrand held many positions of responsibility in the social and civic affairs of Aurora town. During his last illness while alone, realizing that his time on this earth was about finished, he wrote in a very legible hand the following letter and left it as his last earthly testimony and blessing. It is in his own plain hand, not a tear drop nor a blot upon its pages. He wasn't afraid to die. The letter is headed Aurora, Utah, but no date is given.

THE LETTER: "My Brothers and Sisters: no doubt you have all heard me bear my testimony to the truthfulness of this Gospel many times in different pulpits while I have lived among you. It always has been my desire to bear that same testimony to the end of my life. Knowing that I wouldn't be able to appear in person and utter these words in speech; I have taken it upon myself to have them read from writing. My life has not been altogether as good as I would of liked it to



have been; but those golden opportunities have all past and my life is just what I have made it. This is a glorious old world, full of light and sunshine, created by God the Father, the great Giver of all good. I am thankful I have been permitted to come to earth and take part in this great plan. I am glad I have been privileged to bring a family into this world. I am proud of my wife, one among the best of women. I am proud of my sons and daughters, I am proud of my sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, and the course they are taking to bring salvation to their souls. I am also proud of all my little grandchildren. I am proud to know I have been permitted to live most of my life in Aurora among some of the best blood that has ever been permitted to come to earth. I love all of you and my earnest desire is that we all will be permitted to live together again throughout time and all eternity. I know the Prophet Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of the living God. That he did see God and angels face to face, and he was instrumental in restoring this Gospel to earth again. That Jesus Christ did give His life for the redemption of mankind from the grave. My earnest prayer is that God will forgive me for every sin I have committed while on earth, and hold them against me no more. That I may be able to go to my father and mother, brothers and sisters and my children, all relatives and friends that have gone before me. That I may be ready to welcome all my loved ones that will come in after years, and may we all be permitted to mingle together in peace and happiness, and go on and on in progression and reach that golden shore that we are all trying so hard to reach. I am glad I have been permitted to be ordained to the high calling of the Priesthood and have what experience I have had. This

is my earnest prayer and blessing from your father, brother and friend in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LeGrand Durfee, Sr."

He was 72 years old on Dec. 11, 1941, and died four days later, on Dec. 15, 1941. He was buried in the Aurora cemetery.

### GENEALOGY OF THIS FAMILY OF TEN CHILDREN

LeGrand Durfee, Sr., b. 11 Dec. 1869, Springville, Utah.  
Son of Jabes Durfee and Celestia Curtis.

2- 2 Mary Jane Crowther, b. 22 Jan. 1870, Fountain Green, Utah.  
Daughter of Richard Crowther and Annie Christensen, m.  
LeGrand Durfee, Sr., 4 May 1892, Manti Temple.

3- 1 LeGrand Durfee, Jr., b. 24 Feb., 1893, Aurora, Utah, m. 24  
May 1918, Manti Temple to Sena Alima Sorensen, b. 8  
July 1898 (see Sketch).

4- 1 Lola Durfee, b. 5 Feb. 1920, Aurora, Utah.

4- 2 Merrill G. Durfee, b. 17 July 1921, Aurora, Utah.

4- 3 Myrna Jane Durfee, b. 11 Dec. 1926, Aurora, Utah.

4- 4 Leila Durfee, b. 7 Aug. 1927, Aurora, Utah.

4- 5 Lymon James Durfee, b. 20 Jan. 1930, Aurora, Utah.

3- 2 Ella May Durfee, b. 17 Sept. 1894, Aurora, Utah, m. Frank  
Taylor, Preston, Idaho, April 2, 1917. Endowed in Manti  
Temple, 27 Mar. 1918. A teacher in Sunday School and  
Primary. President of Y. W. M. I. A., d. Aurora, Utah, 21  
May 1919.

3- 3 Chloe Elemeda Durfee, b. 2 July 1896, Aurora, Utah, d. 16  
July 1912.

3- 4 Millie Jane Durfee, b. 1 Nov. 1898, Aurora, Utah, m. Oriel  
Andrews, Feb. 24, 1921, Manti Temple. Served in Church as  
2nd counselor in Primary, Sunday School teacher, secty. in  
Relief Society and teacher in both Mutual and Primary.  
Oriel Andrews, husband of Millie Jane Durfee, b. 25 Aug.  
1901, Aurora, Utah. President of Y. M. M. I. A. for a  
number of years. President of Elders Quorum and at  
present president of the 107th Quorum of Seventy.

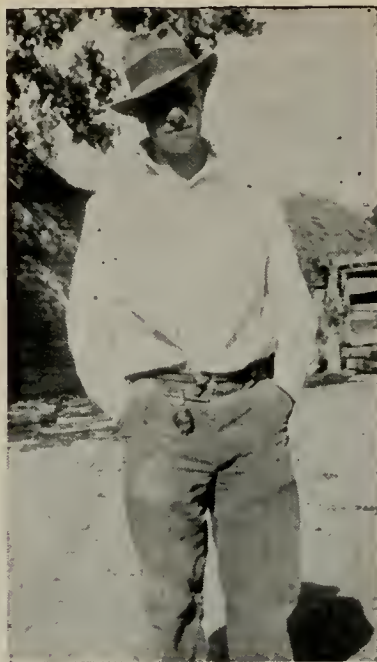
4- 1 Ula May Andrews, b. 6 Jan. 1923, Aurora, Utah, d. Salina  
Hospital, 23 July 1934.

4- 2 Neldon Vee Andrews, b. 21 Jan. 1925, Aurora, Utah, ordained  
Deacon, 1937, a Teacher, 1939, Priest, 1942.

- 4- 3 R. Delos Andrews, b. 19 Jan. 1927, Aurora, Utah, ordained Deacon, 1939, Prest. of the Quorum, a Teacher, 1942.
- 4- 4 Elden Verness Andrews, b. 6 May 1929, ordained Deacon, 25 May 1941, President of Quorum.
- 4- 5 Millie Laveda Andrews, b. 13 Aug. 1932, Aurora, Utah.
- 3- 5 Lenard Durfee, b. 1 April 1901, Aurora, Utah, d. 11 Jan. 1902.
- 3- 6 Amy Violet Durfee, b. 11 Sept. 1903, Aurora, Utah, m. 2 June 1926, Manti Temple, Joseph W. Curtis, b. 25 Dec. 1904, Aurora, Utah, son of Lorenzo Curtis and Eliza Mott, he is a Seventy and an officer in the Quorum of North Sevier Stake. He acted as counselor in the Ward Mutual for two years, and as president of the same organization three years. At present he is chairman of the Church welfare work of the Aurora Ward. Amy filled a mission to the Central States from 1922 to 1924. The following are offices she held at different times in the Church: 1st counselor in the stake M. I. A. organization, president of the ward Y. L. M. I. A. for three years, president of the ward Relief Society for two and a half years, member of the Sunday School board of North Sevier Stake, teacher in both Sunday School and Primary organization.
- 4- 1 Joseph Ivo Curtis, b. 23 July 1927, Aurora, Utah, he holds the office of Teacher in the Aurora Ward.
- 4- 2 Amy Coleen Curtis, b. 1 Sept. 1935, Aurora, Utah.



Verr and Edith Durfee



Emmet Durfee

- 3- 7 Clifford Dee Durfee, b. 23 May 1905, Aurora, Utah, d. 24 Feb. 1906.
- 3- 8 Floyd C. Durfee, b. 9 May 1907, Aurora, Utah, d. 13 April 1908.
- 3- 9 Emmett Vaughn Durfee, b. 13 Dec. 1913, a Teacher in the Aurora Ward.
- 3-10 Verr Durfee, b. 13 Aug. 1915, Aurora, Utah, m. 12 June 1937, to Edith Barney, ordained an Elder, 23 Nov. 1941, Endowed at Manti Temple, 9 Jan. 1942. He is a ward teacher.
- 4- 1 Verr Don L. Durfee, b. 4 Dec. 1938, Elsinore, Utah, blessed Jan. 1st, 1939 by LeGrand Durfee, Sr.
- 4- 2 R. Bardett Durfee, b. 14 April 1941, Aurora, Utah, blessed May 4, 1941 by LeGrand Durfee, Sr.
- 2- 3 Richard Franklin Crowther, son of Richard Crowther and Annie M. Christensen, b. 29 April 1872, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 6 Mar. 1908, Annie Jorgensen, b. 13 Feb. 1882, Bear River City, Utah. Six children, two children living, four dead. See picture of him and his horse. A quiet,



good man, possessed many traits of his father. Full of fun and enjoyed life.

- 3- 1 Florance A. Crowther, b. 25 Dec. 1909, Bear River City, Utah, m. 16 Sept. 1935, Warren Edward Rasmussen, b. 20 Apr. 1905, East Garland, Utah.
- 3- 2 Leola Marie Crowther, b. 6 Sept. 1910, d. 10 July 1912.
- 3- 3 Richard Crowther, b. and d. 30 Mar. 1912.
- 3- 4 Elda Iola Crowther, b. 26 Nov. 1913, d. 4 Mar. 1917, Bear River City, Utah.
- 3- 5 Raymond F. Crowther, b. 11 Sept. 1915, Bear River City, Utah.
- 3- 6 Virgil S. Crowther, b. 13 Sept. 1919, Bear River City, Utah, d. infant.



Four Generations, Richard Crowther and Annie M. Crowther Family

- 2- 4 Annie Elizebeth Crowther, b. 13 Feb. 1874, Fountain Green, Utah, m. \_\_\_\_\_, Lewis Wells Gardner, b. 11 April 1868, Home, Tremonton, Utah, six children.
- 3- 1 Margaret Ann Gardner, b. 13 June 1874, Tremonton, Utah.



- 3- 2 Laura Elizebeth Gardner, b. 5 May 1894, Tremonton, Utah.  
 3- 3 Billy Maud Gardner, b. 11 Feb. 1897, Tremonton, Utah.  
 3- 4 Lewis Richard Gardner, b. 21 Sept. 1899, Tremonton, Utah.  
 3- 5 Hazel Thersa Gardner, b. 25 Feb. 1904, Tremonton, Utah.  
 3- 6 Elden Franklin Gardner, b. 3 Dec. 1912, Tremonton, Utah.  
 2- 6 James William Crowther, b. 19 Jan. 1879, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 9 Dec. 1901 at Richfield, Utah, Lydia Harding, endowed at Manti Temple, 1 Feb. 1911. He died at Salina Hospital, Utah, 7 Feb. 1920. Five children.



James Wm. Crowther

Lydia Harding  
CrowtherChildren of James Wm. Crowther  
and Lydia Harding Crowther

- 3- 1 Samuel J. Crowther, b. 22 Dec. 1902, Aurora, Utah, m. Alta Stevens, 15 June 1922, b. 27 Dec. 1904 at Holden, Utah, d. 19 Feb. 1933 at Aurora, Utah. Two children born.
- 4- 1 Don J. Crowther, b. 7 Sept. 1923, Aurora, Utah, rec'd. Patriarchal Blessing. 2nd Coun. in Sunday School.
- 4- 2 Betty Ray Crowther, b. 22 March 1926, Aurora, Utah. Patriarchal Blessing from Christian M. Mickelson.
- 3- 1 Samuel J. Crowther, b. 22 Dec. 1902, m. 2nd wife March 8, 1935, Genevieve Knight, b. 5 July 1913. Member of stake Sunday School board. Two children. Endowments and sealings done in Manti Temple, March 26, 1942.
- 4- 1 Joyce Crowther, b. 30 Aug. 1937, Salina, Utah.
- 4- 2 Jimmie Crowther, b. 23 July 1942, Salina, Utah.
- 3- 2 Otheya Crowther, b. 7 Feb. 1907, Aurora, Utah, m. 15 May 1929, Don L. Cooper at Richfield, Utah. One child.
- 4- 1 Karen Cooper, b. 17 Jan. 1928, Salina, Utah.
- 3- 3 Ora Crowther, b. 6 Nov. 1909, Aurora, Utah, m. 25 Oct. 1928, Glen Mason at Richfield, Utah. Endowed at Manti Temple, 14 March 1934. Patriarchal Blessing by Maroni Lazenby. Teacher in Sunday School and Primary, at present 2nd counselor in Primary. Four children.
- 4-1 Gene Verdon Mason, b. 10 April 1930, Aurora, Utah.
- 4- 2 Versel J. Mason, b. 26 April 1932, Aurora, Utah.
- 4- 3 Carl Glen Mason, b. Dec. 15 1934, d. 3 Jan. 1936 of scarlet fever.
- 4- 4 Peggy Mason, b. 22 March 1937, Aurora, Utah.
- 3- 4 Lydia Veone Crowther, b. 23 July 1913, Aurora, Utah, m. Mar. 8, 1935, Cleve Marion Cloward at Manti Temple.
- 3- 5 William Wendle Crowther, b. 3 June 1920, Aurora, Utah, d. of flu, March 8, 1921.
- 2-10 Alma Christian Crowther, b. Dec. 15, 1887, Fountain Green, Utah, m. 25 Sept. 1909, Rhoda Clarisa Wall, b. 24 Feb. 1894. A relief society teacher for 18 years. To this honored couple were born fourteen children. Home, Aurora, Utah.
- 3- 1 Armilda Crowther, b. 13 Mar. 1910, m. 26 Oct. 1926, Harold Anderson, b. 27 Oct. 1903.
- 4- 1 La Roy H. Anderson, b. Mar. 3, 1927.
- 4- 2 Dewayne A. Anderson, b. 15 April 1929, d. 29 Aug. 1933.
- 4- 3 Tenance Orrale Anderson, b. 5 Nov. 1934.
- 4- 4 Ulean Anderson, b. 20 Oct. 1936, d. 22 Dec. 1936.
- 4- 5 Vern Eugene Anderson, b. 11 Sept. 1938.



Alma and Rhoda Crowther



Their Nine Daughters

- 3- 2 Alma Loyd Crowther, b. 3 Dec. 1911, d. 6 Oct. 1929.
- 3- 3 Sena Hartense, b. 25 Mar. 1914, m. 25 Mar. 1931, Don William Kennedy, b. 22 Aug. 1909.
- 4- 1 Sena Elvera Kennedy, b. 4 Feb. 1932.
- 4- 2 Hartense Nada Kennedy, b. 29 Aug. 1933, d. 15 Feb. 1936.
- 4- 3 Kenneth Don, b. 17 Mar. 1935.
- 4- 4 Maurine Kennedy, b. 8 Sept. 1938.
- 3- 4 Anna Berneas Crowther, b. 27 Aug. 1915, m. Dec. 29, 1933, Burdell Christian Sorenson, b. 29 Feb. 1912. Five children.
- 4- 1 Vernon Burdell Sorenson, b. 12 Aug. 1934.
- 4- 2 Berneas Burdella Sorenson, b. 3 Mar. 1936, d. 15 Aug. 1938.
- 4- 3 Karl Alma Sorenson, b. 26 Aug. 1937.
- 4- 4 Richard Christian Sorenson, b. 1 April 1939.
- 4- 5 Boyd Lynn Sorenson, b. 5 April 1941.
- 3- 5 Viva Crowther, b. 22 Sept. 1918, m. 2 Jan. 1940, Norman Wilson Memmott, b. 4 Sept. 1913.
- 4- 1 Rea LaVon Memmott, b. 14 Mar. 1940.
- 4- 2 Portia Memmott, b. 18 July 1942.
- 3- 6 Clifton Richard, b. 12 July 1922, twin, d. 19 June 1923.
- 3- 7 Clifford William, b. 12 July 1922, twin, d. 31 July 1924.
- 3- 8 Maurine Crowther, b. 19 June 1924, d. 5 Dec. 1928.
- 3- 9 Vivian Crowther, b. 7 Feb. 1927.

- 3-10 Leola Crowther, b. 24 June 1929.
- 3-11 Geraldine Crowther, b. 9 May 1931.
- 3-12 La Vern Crowther, b. 10 March 1933, d. Mar. 18, 1933.
- 3-13 Geneva Crowther, b. 26 Dec. 1933.
- 3-14 Rhoda La Vona Crowther, b. 25 April, 1936.

RECORD OF RICHARD CROWTHER FAMILY  
FROM THOMAS FRANCIS CROWTHER

- 2- 7 Thomas Francis Crowther, b. June 21, 1881, Fountain Green, Utah, m. Jennie M. Bosshardt, June 3, 1907, Manti, Utah, b. Apr. 26, 1891, Axtell, Utah.
- 3- 1 Thomas Clarence Crowther, b. May 30, 1908, Axtell, Utah, m. Della Carlyn Mickelsen, Sept. 21, 1932, Manti, Utah, b. June 12, 1913, d. Nov. 20, 1940.
- 4- 1 Arven Jay Crowther, b. June 26, 1933, Axtell, Utah.
- 3- 2 Ellis Richard Crowther, b. Aug. 30, 1910, Axtell, Utah.
- 3- 3 Newell John Crowther, b. Mar. 23, 1913, Axtell, Utah, d. Sept. 13, 1921.
- 3- 4 Mildred Crowther, b. Sept. 14, 1918, Axtell, Utah, m. Max L. Peterson, Jan. 17, 1938, Nephi, Utah, b. Dec. 2, 1914, Manti, Utah.
- 4- 1 Maxine Peterson, b. Dec. 25, 1938, Axtell, Utah.
- 4- 2 Del Rita Peterson, b. Mar. 10, 1940, Axtell, Utah.
- 2- 8 Samuel Edward Crowther, b. .... 1883, Fountain Green, Utah, d. an infant.
- 2- 9 Laura Hannah Crowther, b. 10 Sept. 1884, Fountain Green, Utah, m. Edwin Thomas Watts, 2 Feb. 1900, Manti, Utah, b. July 13, 1868, Springville, Utah. Laura d. Oct. 17, 1921.
- 3- 1 Edwin Watts, Jr., b. Nov. 25, 1901, Axtell, Utah, m. Thelma V. Wheeler, 26 Nov. 1921, Richfield, Utah, b. Oct. 10, 1903, Springville, Utah.
- 4- 1 Betty Thelma Watts, b. May 26, 1924, Bingham Canyon, Utah, m. 4 Mar. 1942, Keith Hill, Fayette, Utah.
- 4- 2 Jack E. Watts, b. 1 July 1926, d. Aug. 10, 1932, Brigham Canyon, Utah.
- 4- 4 Louise Betty Watts, b. 17 June 1939, Axtell, Utah.
- 3- 2 Clara May Watts, b. 20 May 1904, Axtell, Utah, m. Ira Louis Hansen, 4 Aug. 1919, Richfield, Utah, he was b. 16 Nov. 1897, Redmond, Utah.
- 4- 1 Chloe Hansen, b. 27 July 1920, Axtell, Utah.
- 4- 2 Juineta Hansen, b. 27 Nov. 1922, Axtell, Utah, d. 2 Jan. 1923.
- 4- 3 Montez Hansen, b. 29 Nov. 1923, Axtell, Utah.



- 4- 4 Ira Roland Hansen, b. 19 Sept. 1926, Provo, Utah.
- 4- 5 Clara Faye Hansen, b. 30 Oct. 1927, Provo, Utah.
- 4- 6 La Mar Hansen, b. 28 Jan. 1930, Provo, Utah.
- 4- 7 Lowell Jay Hansen, b. 28 July 1931, Provo, Utah.
- 4- 8 Lawana May Hansen, b. 21 Oct. 1933, Provo, Utah.
- 4- 9 Laura Darlene Hansen, b. 25 May 1936, Provo, Utah.
- 3- 3 Mabel Leona Watts, b. 10 Jan. 1906, Axtell, Utah, m.  
   1925, Salt Lake City, Utah, Mike Simpson, b.  
   13 Jan. 1902, Pennsylvania.
- 4- 1 Lora Simpson, b. 3 Dec. 1926, Axtell, Utah.
- 4- 2 Arva Simpson, b. 7 Dec. 1929, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 4- 3 Viola Simpson, b. 4 Dec. 1933, Axtell, Utah.
- 4- 4 Bobby J. Simpson, b. Mar. 28, 1935, Axtell, Utah.
- 4- 5 Stanley Leon Simpson, b. 27 Oct. 1936, Gunnison, Utah.
- 3- 4 Rosella Watts, b. 19 July 1910, Axtell, Utah, m. 16 July 1926,  
       Gerald Barney Orton, Manti, Utah. He was from Panguitch,  
       Utah, divorced 1927.
- 4- 1 Laura Rose Orton, b. 29 May 1927, Axtell, Utah.
- 3- 4 Rosella Watts (Orton), b. 19 July 1910, Axtell, Utah, m. 20  
       Sept. 1929, Elden John Christensen, b. 21 Feb. 1902, Red-  
       mond, Utah.
- 4- 1 Afton Josephine Christensen, b. 29 Aug. 1930, Redmond,  
       Utah.
- 4- 2 Virlie Laurrine Christensen, b. 29 April 1932, Redmond,  
       Utah.
- 4- 3 Janice Christensen, b. 19 Sept. 1935, Redmond, Utah.
- 3- 5 Laurence Richard Watts, b. 29 Oct. 1912, Axtell, Utah, m.  
       Norma Dodge Tobler, 31 Dec. 1938. She was b. 30 Dec.  
       1917, Irans, Utah.
- 4- 1 Richard Vernon Watts, b. 15 Jan. 1940, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 4- 2 Norma Joice Watts, b. 4 April 1941, California.
- 3- 6 Moral C. Watts, b. 14 Sept. 1921, Salina, Utah.



## SKETCH—LEGRAND DURFEE, JR. (GRANDSON OF RICHARD CROWTHER)

LeGrand Durfee, Jr. (some times signed Lee G. Durfee) was born 24 Feb. 1893 in Aurora, Sevier County, Utah. My great grandfather, Edmond Durfee, was killed by an anti-Mormon mob, 26 Nov. 1845. They first set fire to a hay stack and when Edmond Durfee and others went to put out the fire, the mob fired; one ball struck him in the breast and he died instantly. His body was brought to Nauvoo for burial. My grandfather, Jabez Durfee and his wife, Celestia Curtis, were pioneers. Their first home in Utah was in Springville, but they later moved to Aurora. Jabez Durfee was the first Bishop in Aurora.

My mother, Mary Jane Crowther, was born 22 Jan. 1870 at Fountain Green, Utah. Her parents were Richard Crowther, born 1 Oct. 1839 or 40 at Parish of Bridge North, Shropshire, England, and Annie Margaret Christensen, born 3 Sept. 1853 at Hermustis, Fredericksburg, Denmark. They also were Utah pioneers.

On 26 March 1893, I was blessed and named by my grandfather, Richard Crowther. I was baptized by John D. Durfee, 2 June 1901 and confirmed by Daniel H. Cloward the same day. I was ordained a deacon by C. M. Ivie, 4 Dec. 1907 and a priest by Hans Jensen, 25 Nov. 1912. Hans Jensen ordained me an elder on the 30 Jan. 1916, and on the 2 Feb. 1916 I received my endowments. On 5 Feb. 1916, I left home to fill a mission in the Central States in the State of Kansas—St. John conference (now West Kansas District). I returned from my mission the 3 April 1918. On the 24 May 1918 I was married to Sena Alima Sorensen of Glenwood, Sevier County, Utah, by Lewis Anderson at the Manti Temple.

On the 27 May 1918 I left home to serve in the 145th artillery in the world's great war. I left the U. S. A. on the 16 Aug. 1918; was in France and England until the 4 Jan. 1919. I returned to my home in Aurora 24 Jan. 1919. Aurora was quarantined at this time because



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of influenza and it lasted for about a month after I returned home. In March 1919 I was sustained as first counselor to Byran Ivie in the Y. M. M. I. A. On 28 Dec. 1919 I was sustained and set apart by George M. Jones, as a High Priest and as second counselor to Bishop Levi Sorensen. On 15 July, 1923, I was set apart as first counselor to Bishop Sorensen by Chas. H. Hart. In the winter of 1924 Bishop Levi Sorensen was called on a six month's mission. I took his place as Bishop of the ward during his absence. We were released from the Bishopric in Dec. 1933. A social was given in our honor at this time. The children were given a dance in the afternoon and served with candy. In the evening a program was given; after which

a plate lunch was served to 370 persons. The remaining part of the evening was spent dancing. We were each presented with a mirror as a gift of remembrance.

I have been ward secretary in Aurora and in the High Priests Organization. While ward secretary I copied all ward records into a new book. I was also secretary in the M. I. A. before I was called into the mission field. On 1 July 1934 I was set apart and sustained as a High Councilman in the North Sevier Stake. I was set apart by David O. McKay. I have been secretary for the cattle grazing association. I have also served three terms as town councilman and secretary in the Aurora town—first term 1924-25, second term 1940-41, third term 1942-1943.

In the summer of 1931 I had an experience which strengthened my testimony in the Gospel. I also learned that there are times in our lives when it is almost impossible to discern between good and evil influences. The wrong spirit causes everything to appear so easy and plausible that we sometimes get the two influences confused. The Prophet Joseph Smith in speaking upon this subject, tells us that we must try the spirits and prove them, for it is often the case that man makes mistakes in regard to these things. There is but one way to avoid evil influences. Live pure, holy and prayerful lives; cultivate a spirit of discernment and shun everything of an evil nature. Or in other words, resist the devil and he will flee from us. I suffered much and lost out financially because of listening to the wrong spirit.

I had bought a farm three years before this time with money borrowed from the bank, but had been able to pay off only the taxes and interest each year as they came due. Finally I was able to get a permit to graze cattle and it seemed like I was getting along fine. I wasn't

satisfied with this amount of cattle so decided to borrow more money and get more cattle. I tried three different times to borrow money, but each time the banker turned me down. I prayed about it, and I decided that if I ever paid for my farm I would have to get more cattle. So I got my father to go to the bank and see if he could persuade the banker to let me have the money. Father finally talked him into letting me have the money, so I purchased more cattle. It seemed like I was getting along fine, then the depression came. I had rented ten acres of my farm to Aldon Mason to put into beets and I was running the other ten acres of alfalfa and working for J. A. Scorup. The beet crop that year was almost a failure and the price of cattle was only about half what it was the year before. By July 1st I began to worry about my debts and I got so bad that I couldn't eat nor sleep. I would have spells when perspiration would pour out all over my body, which caused a weakness. A dull heavy feeling crowded into my mind and I had physical pains in my head and body. For ten nights straight I could not sleep. I walked the floor all night. After that I could only sleep a few hours each night, for weeks. During the day time I did not know at times what I was doing. Many a time I rode my horse over to J. A. Scorup's and tied him up; then started out for the bridles for the working team; but before getting to them I would turn around and pick up my riding horse's bridle and go and untie him without realizing what I was doing. The only way I could get any relief was when I prayed. When I was alone at work in the field I would get down on my knees and pray.

At last I decided to try to sell my cattle, farm and permit and get as near out of debt as I could. I owed



\$4,500. After looking around for some time, I at last found a sale for my cattle and permit. I had a few heifers that were fat that I sold for five cents a pound and the others I sold to the Cowley Boys of Venice with my permit. Father thought I was foolish to let them go at the price I did, but two weeks later cattle sold for much less and the price has never been as high since and that is going on three years now. Edwin Sorensen took over my farm and allowed me what I had given for it. In this way I got out of debt and still had my home clear.



Le G. and Alima Durfee

At this time I was ten dollars behind in having my tithing paid in full, and we just had ten dollars left in the house. There were two or three of the children that needed shoes and there were many other things we needed. My wife and I thought it over for several days and at last decided to pay the ten dollars for tithing.



The Lord did bless us for I had a month more work than I expected at J. A. Scorup's. I did not get winters work as I hoped to get and at Christmas we did not have money to buy Christmas presents and we were afraid our children would find empty stockings on Christmas morning. But to our great surprise, God Himself, through unseen power, put \$130.00 in my hands which gave us the necessities of life until spring and a few Christmas presents. I realize that we have always been blessed for the paying of tithing; but this is the first time I ever saw such blessings come so directly. The lesson I learned through this experience is: the world may become hard and cold because of the selfishness and mistakes of man, but God is always ready to help his children. I thank the Lord for this experience, but I hope I never will have to pass through it again. It surely has strengthened my testimony and I feel like I am much better off spiritually if not financially.

The next spring I got the job as water master on the Rocky Ford canal and in the fall the sugar company gave me the job of weighing beets. I have had this employment now for eleven years, from 1931 to 1942. I have enjoyed these jobs very much for I always like to sit over a large number of figures and books.

I began milking cows as early in life as I began school. My job while going to school was milking and feeding and watering the cows. I would milk from fourteen to sixteen cows each morning and evening. At night I was too tired to do much studying, but I always saw that I had my arithmetic, which was my choice subject.

I wanted to go into business, for that was my choice field, but my father had done so well financially in cattle and farming, I decided that it was best to follow in

his footsteps. I had to stay out of school so much to help father on the farm besides milking cows while going to school, it caused me to get behind in my school work which partly killed the desire for a business career. Since my farming career slipped from me, it has made me long and wish more than ever for a business career.

When I reflect upon the past, I like to think of those happy hours I spent in our home with the children. My wife arranged so we could have a family party, or in other words a home evening, once a week, wherein we prayed and taught each other the principles of the Gospel. These evenings began with prayer, then followed with a program, and every one took part, using the different talents God gave us. After the program we played games and had refreshments and the evening was ended with family prayer.

God blessed our home with five children—three girls and two boys. They were all born in Aurora, Utah. They are:

Lola Durfee, b. 5 Feb. 1920, baptized 4 Sept. 1928.

Merrill G. Durfee, b. 17 July 1921, baptized 10 Sept. 1929.

Myrna Jane Durfee, b. 11 Dec. 1926, baptized 7 May 1934.

Leila Durfee, b. 7 Aug. 1927, baptized 2 May 1936.

Lymon James Durfee, b. 20 Jan. 1930, baptized 24 May 1938.

The children all showed in early childhood a spiritual disposition, and a great desire for education. They are active in their church duties. Many a Sunday afternoon they remain at home entertaining each other while their girl chums and boy chums are to the picture shows. The children have been interested in music, playing the piano and other instruments. My wife is a great lover of music and she has spent much of her time teaching the children to play the piano. We have also given them lessons on the piano by Professor Elmer Nielson, Chester

Hill and Lavar Jensen. The year Lymon was in the fourth grade, the school put on a Christmas operetta, and he played the piano accompaniment. He was just nine years old.

My wife Cena Alima Sorensen was born in Glenwood, Utah, 8 July 1898. At the age of fifteen she began her leadership in the Church as a teacher in the Sunday School. At the age of sixteen she was sustained as organist in the M. I. A. At seventeen she became organist in the Sunday School and organist and teacher in the Primary. She worked diligently in these different organizations until she came to Aurora. In the Aurora Ward she has been organist for twelve years and besides Sacrament meetings accompaniment, she has accompanied the Aurora choir several times at Quarterly Conferences and all funeral services, from 1919 to 1921 and from June, 1931 to November, 1941. She was organist in the Sunday School from 1921 to 1928. She has been organist, class leader and visiting teacher in the Relief Society and also in Primary. She served in the North Sevier Stake M. I. A. from Sept. 25, 1936 to May, 1940.

In 1938, Lola Durfee graduated from the L. D. S. Seminary. The graduation exercises were held on May 8, 1938. Her part on the program was to play a piano solo. She also accompanied the chorus on the piano. At the senior farewell program, 18 May, 1938, Lola played a flute solo and took part in a play. In 1938 she graduated from the North Sevier High School. The graduation exercises were held, 19 May 1938. At these exercises, Lola sang a soprano solo, "I Love You High School." She wrote the words to her song and put them to the melody of "I Love You Truly." Here she expressed her two favorite hobbies, writing poetry and music. Another of her talents was public speaking. She

received a scholarship to the Snow College at Ephraim, Utah. On the 24 May 1940, Lola graduated from the Snow College. On 4 June 1941 she graduated from the Brigham Young University with a three year Normal. In 1941 she became a Golden Gleaner in the M. I. A. At the present time Lola is teaching in the Salina district school.

Merrill G. Durfee was ordained a deacon 17 July 1933 by his father, LeGrand Durfee, Jr. He was ordained a teacher 24 July 1936 by his father. He was ordained a priest 17 July 1938 by his father. He was ordained an elder 25 Aug. 1940 by his father. On 13 May 1939, graduated from the L. D. S. Seminary. He sang in a male trio and directed the chorus in singing, "Redeemer of Israel." On 24 May 1939 was the farewell program for the seniors. At the program Merrill took part in a play and directed the chorus singing, "Farewell Dear High School." He wrote the words to this song and put them to the melody of "The Wild Rose." On 25 May 1939, Merrill graduated from the North Sevier High School. He was high point student in scholarship which entitled him to a scholarship. This high school also presented him with a citizenship badge. At the exercises he played his saxophone in a quartett and also directed the senior graduates singing, "Our Yesterday." He took part in all the musical festivals, singing solos, singing in quartets and playing solos and playing in quartets with his clarinet and saxophone. He contested in shorthand and typing; he also took a great interest in shop. In September, 1939, he began school at the Brigham Young University. This is his third year at this school. He is majoring in music and business. Called to fill a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he went June 15, 1942 to the New England States.



I am hopeful that the other three children will accomplish as much as their elder brother and sister. I am closing with a poem:

#### A CHILD'S PRAYER

God your love for me was very great,  
To give me such a father and mother.  
Thanks to thee, I offer for my fate,  
That wonderful father and mother of mine.

Twenty years they've cared for me—  
Struggled, fought and worked for me.  
God, they've done their noble parts,  
Help me to fill the desires of their hearts.

Tho I have faltered in many ways  
Leave me not alone, I want to win.  
Happiness (I want) to fill their hearts,  
Not sorrow and grief for my sin.

God bless and protect that wonderful father and mother of mine.

Written in 1941 by LeGrand (Lee G) Durfee, Jr.

Lee has set a good example to his children, because of his straightforward life. He has been a very active man in his church. His view points in life have always inspired others to higher levels. He taught his children the right way but gave them their free agency to choose for themselves. He possesses two of the greatest characteristics a person can possess—honesty and dependability.

His wife, Alima Sorensen Durfee.



## RICHARD CROWTHER

**R**ICHARD CROWTHER married his second wife, my mother, Esther Rebecca Price, in the Logan Temple, Sept. 16, 1887. The wedding journey was made from Fountain Green, Utah to Logan, with team and wagon. It was a happy time for both of them. The present generation can see little romance in such a marriage. The principle of plural marriage is neither taught nor practised today. Their holy vows were so sacred to them, they surpassed all romance. After the wedding trip, father took his first wife and family and my mother down into Wayne County to build a home. They went down into the lower country and settled in a place called Blue Valley on the Fremont River. This country is now known as the Wayne Wonderland. It is a country of magnificent scenery—canyons with walls of solid rock, gigantic rock formations and the remains of ancient cliff dwellings. There were about eleven families in the new settlement. Father was sustained as presiding elder. Relief Society, Sunday School and Primary organizations were formed.

The six years spent in Blue Valley, though filled with toil and hardship, were very happy ones. The people of the little pioneer community were united and unselfish in their devotion to their neighbors. Babies were born without benefit of doctors or anaesthetics. Always a kind neighbor was there to welcome the new arrival or perform the last kindly rites for the dead. Three girls and one baby boy were born to father and mother down in Blue Valley. The baby boy died and was buried in a lone grave. My parents often talked of this beautiful little son and were sure they could find his little grave, in spite of wind and weather. The Fremont River flood-

ed its banks and caused great damage in the struggling little settlement. After six years of floods and loss of crops the families began moving out. A visitor in the lower country at the present time may still see the remains of the old orchards and rock houses of the first settlers. Father and his families moved back into Sanpete Valley. The years following were full of privations and hardships for all. Father was playing a game of hide and seek with the U. S. marshals. He, with a great number of other Latter-day Saint men, was wanted for practicing ploygamy. After a great deal of dodging, and it is to be suspected a bit of fun at the expense of the marshals, he was taken into custody. His sentence was three months in the state penitentiary. This was a critical time for my mother. Her fifth child, a baby girl was born while he was away. The families moved around from one little town to another and finally they moved north to the Bear River Valley.

Father bought a little farm in Elwood, Box Elder County. Here he planted fruit trees and many different varieties of berries and shrubs. When he was a boy in England he worked as a gardner on a gentleman's estate. Gardening was the work he loved. He was never so happy as when working among his plants, pruning trees or experimenting with some new growing thing. His fingers had the green touch. He was so proud to cut a great bunch of grapes from his vines to send with a happy child to the school teacher. There were huge squash that took the blue ribbon at the county fair and strawberries so large very few would go in a basket. He was an easy mark for a nursery salesman. Mother would scold and argue about money being spent for trees when the children needed shoes, but the new variety of tree nearly always won. Though father was a most

unscientific bee man, he always wanted a few hives of bees about the place. Out under the apricot trees the busy hum of bees was part of the summer weather. When the bees would swarm, father would have all the family out beating tin pans, this was for some obscure reason children didn't quite understand; but that did not interfere with their pleasure in making the wanted noise. It apparently had been an old English custom and father kept it up in America.

There wasn't much money in farming. Father and the older girls worked in the spring and fall topping and thinning beets in the neighborhood in order to pay taxes and buy the bare necessities of life. It is a good thing the family was nearly always in good health since there was no money for doctors and medical care. When one of the members of the family was ill the first thought was for the consecrated oil and the administration by father. He was a man of great faith and was often called into other homes to administer to the sick.

There were no moving picture theaters to take the place of family recreation at that time. The evenings were filled with games around the fire side and reading aloud from the best books. The history of the Church was familiar to even the smallest in that farm home. Father told wonderful stories of his long trek across the plains and his Indian experiences in Sanpete County.

One Indian story that was called for again and again had its setting in Fountain Green. The Black Hawk war was on and Indians were a constant threat to the live stock men. One day Uncle Thomas sent father for cattle that had strayed. He was walking among the willows on the branch of a creek looking for the cattle. Glancing up stream he saw an Indian in full war paint bathing his feet in the creek. Father

crouched behind the willows and fairly froze to the ground, his heart beating so loudly he felt sure the Indian could hear it. He stayed in hiding until after the Indian mounted his horse and rode away. Father lost no time in getting to the settlement to give the word that Indians were in the vicinity. He could tell dozens of similar stories that were fascinating to boys and girls.

During the years he lived in Elwood he served in many ward offices. He was always willing to answer any call in the service of the Lord. His faith was deep and abiding. There was never a day begun or ended without the family gathering in prayer. He never missed an opportunity to bear his testimony to his family or his friends. His was the youthful heart. Many people remember his recitations. His rendition of the "Murder of a Mosquito" is a memory to treasure. He made a fine Santa Claus at ward socials. A jollier Saint could not be imagined.

When a crowd of young people came into the home he was one with them. He loved the old songs—"Then Why Art Thou Silent—Thou Joy Of My Heart," is a refrain that will live forever as sung by his voice.

His latter years were filled with a desire to work in the Temple. Many times he made the trip down to Manti to spend a little time working in the Temple. In 1911 he moved his family to Logan, Utah, where he could spend his last days doing the work for his dead kindred.

The last year of his life was filled with great pain caused by a cancer on his head. He was cheerful through it all and enjoyed his old friends coming to visit him. The daughters of the pioneers gave a little party for him a few weeks before his death. He was the life of the party. He gave a recitation and joined in the pioneer

songs with delight. He died at his home in Logan, June 25, 1926—a man respected by his neighbors, honored as a trail blazer and pioneer. His was a simple life. He wanted only the common things—a home, his family around him, the love and companionship of his fellows. He left no worldly goods behind for his children. He did leave a worthy name and an undying testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

—Written by his daughter, Marilla Crowther Cook.



Richard Crowther at 84





W. L. and C. G. Crouther's Second Family

## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF ESTHER REBECCA

### PRICE CROWTHER

**E**STHER REBECCA PRICE was born 17 July 1860 at Netherton, Worcestershire, England. She was the daughter of John Round Price and Hannah Paddock. She was one of nine children born to this couple, though only she and four brothers lived to the age of maturity. The others died during infancy.

Her childhood was a very happy one. At the age of four she started to school which was a private school and besides the regular studies she was taught to knit, sew and crochet.

Esther's parents embraced the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints soon after they were married, so she was taught the principles of truth from youth and through her early life. However she was not baptized into the Church until she was twenty-four years of age, which was shortly after her Father died. With her mother and brother Benjamin she left England and came to Utah, U. S. A., arriving in Provo 9th of June 1886.

She was married to Richard Crowther, 16 Sept. 1887 in the Logan Temple. Along with him she did much pioneering in the early settlement of several communities in southern Utah. She is the mother of nine children of whom five are living at this time, Feb. 24, 1942.

Since the death of her husband in January, 1926, she has spent most of the time with her youngest daughter at Mink Creek, Idaho, where she still makes her home with this daughter and family. She is now in her eighty-second year and is blessed with fairly good health. Her mind is still very keen and alert and her eye sight and hearing are almost perfect.

She has a firm testimony of the Gospel and is ever

ready to testify to its truthfulness and encourage every one she comes in contact with to live more strictly to its principles and to try to follow the teachings of our Savior.

—Mrs. Esther Rebecca Price Crowther,  
Mink Creek, Idaho.

DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD CROWTHER'S  
SECOND FAMILY

- 1-8 Richard Crowther, b. 1 Oct. 1839, Shropshire, England, d. June 25, 1926, Logan, Utah, m. 16 Sept. 1887, Logan Temple. Esther Rebecca Price, b. 17 July 1860, Worcestershire, England, daughter of John Round Price and Hannah Paddock. Nine children. Residence, Mink Creek, Idaho.
- 2-1 Esther Ann Crowther, b. 13 Sept. 1888 at Aldrich, Wayne Co., Utah, d. 10 Dec. 1937, m. 23 Sept. 1908, Salt Lake Temple, Hyrum Chase Yates, b. 26 Nov. 1877, son of Hyrum Yates and Margaret Forsythe. No children.
- 2-2 Emily Hannah Crowther, b. 26 March 1890 at Aldrich, Utah, d. 29 Dec. 1904.
- 2-3 John Richard Crowther, b. 28 Oct. 1891, Aldrich, Utah, d. 21 Dec. 1891.
- 2-4 Rachel Miriam Crowther, b. 25 Dec. 1892, Aldrich, Utah, d. 2 July 1929, m. Logan Temple, 5 Sept. 1917 to William Emer Taylor, b. 30 Oct. 1890 at Yost, Utah, son of Emer Harris Taylor and Sylvia Esther Crich. Six children.
- 3-1 Esther Taylor, b. 11 March 1920, Oakley, Idaho, m. 11 March 1938, Victor Eugene Barrett, son of Wm. Barrett and Sarah Lula Kidd, b. 20 May 1911 at Albion, Idaho. Two children.
- 4-1 Victor Eugene Barrett, b. 23 Jan. 1939 at Albion, Idaho.
- 4-2 Esther Jeanetta Barrett, b. 3 Aug. 1940 at Rupert, Idaho.
- 3-2 Richard Emer Taylor, b. 30 Oct. 1921, Oakley, Idaho.
- 3-3 Howard Taylor, b. April, 1923, Almo, Idaho.
- 3-4 Nadene Taylor, b. 4 Sept. 1925, Almo, Idaho.
- 3-5 Betty Mae Taylor, b. 1 July 1927, Almo, Idaho.
- 3-6 Horace Keith Taylor, b. 24 May 1929, Rupert, Idaho.
- 2-5 Alice Minnie Crowther, b. 20 Nov. 1894, Gunnison, Utah, m. 17 Dec. 1913, Logan Temple, Alfred Henry Meyer, b. 10 July 1891, Biel, Switzerland, son of Henry Frederick Meyer and Eugenie Vilmont.

- 3-1 Irel Henry Meyer, b. 4 Oct. 1914, Preston, Idaho, m. 31 May, 1934, Logan Temple, to Ruth Nelson, b. 7 May 1916, Smithfield, Utah, daughter of Robert LeRoy Nelson and Alice Doane. One child.
- 4-1 Alice Ann Meyer, b. 31 Jan. 1937, Logan, Utah.
- 3-2 Jack Warren Meyer, b. 21 March 1923, Colton, California, m. 20 Nov. 1941, Las Vegas, Nevada, Dorothy Maxine Jones, b. 1 April 1922, St. Anthony, Idaho, daughter of Alma Jones and Dorcas Reynolds.
- 2-6 Lucy Leona Crowther, b. 6 Oct. 1896, at Gunnison, Utah, m. 28 Nov. 1917, Logan Temple, Julius Oliver Wahlen, b. 14 May 1894, Logan, Utah, son of Julius Charles Wahlen and Annie Davidson. Three children.
- 3-1 Donald Oliver Wahlen, b. 18 July 1919 at Logan, Utah.
- 3-2 Lois Wahlen, b. 22 Dec. 1920 at Logan, Utah.
- 3-3 Gwendolyn Wahlen, b. 22 Jan. 1926 at San Bernardino, California.
- 2-7 Joseph Crowther, b. 20 Dec. 1898 at Axtel, Utah.
- 2-8 Marilla Crowther, b. 24 Oct. 1900, at Gunnison, Utah, m. 17 June, 1926, Samuel Bryson Cook, b. 15 April 1899 at Border, Idaho, son of Joseph Wolcott Cook and Eliza Bryson. Five children.
- 3-1 Joseph Wolcott Cook, b. 12 Sept. 1927 at Logan, Utah.
- 3-2 Richard Crowther Cook, b. 3 Oct. 1929 at Logan, Utah.
- 3-3 Mary Alice Cook, b. 18 April 1933 at Logan, Utah.
- 3-4 Katherine Cook, b. 22 Oct. 1934 at Logan, Utah.
- 3-5 Samuel Bryson Cook, b. 14 July 1937 at Logan, Utah.
- 2-9 Bessie Pearl Crowther, b. 13 Sept. 1903, Elwood, Box Elder Co., Utah, m. 12 Oct. 1932, Logan Temple to James Hazen Baird, b. 25 Jan. 1906 at Mink Creek, Idaho, son of Lorenzo Snow Baird and Newgenia Keller. Three children.
- 3-1 James Lorenzo Baird, b. 30 Dec. 1934 at Logan, Utah.
- 3-2 Ronald Crowther Baird, b. 9 Oct. 1937 at Logan, Utah.
- 3-3 Mary Jean Baird, b. 26 Nov. 1941 at Preston, Idaho.





## **Part Three**

# **George Crowther Family**

## GEORGE CROWTHER FAMILY



Janet Wiley, Wife of  
George Crowther

The Crowther family have been quite musical. Thomas James Crowther was in the first band and orchestra and was leader of both for many years. His son Clifford has taken his place as leader of both. George Crowther has had sons, grandsons and greatgrandsons in both band and orchestra from their beginning — The present band has three grandsons and three great grandsons.

I have some record of four hundred and eighty-five members of George Crowther's Family. There must be about sixty or more that I could not get the record of. Quite a number are in the army. Several have filled missions.

—GEORGE N. LARSEN.

George Crowther, born Nov. 18, 1826. Died April 16, 1895.

Janet Wiley, born October 29, 1825. Died Dec. 22, 1904.

Their children:

Robena Crowther, born Jan. 5, 1850. Died October 1, 1923.

John William Crowther, born \_\_\_\_\_, 1851. Died \_\_\_\_\_, 1852.

James Crowther, born \_\_\_\_\_, 1853. Died \_\_\_\_\_, 1854 or 5.

Catherine Crowther, born March 11, 1856. Living in Manti, Utah.

Elizabeth Crowther, born Aug. 15, 1858. Died Jan. 19, 1937.

Sarah Crowther, born May 22, 1861. Died \_\_\_\_\_.

George Crowther, Jr., born April 13, 1863. Died April ....., 1888.

William John Crowther, born May 14, 1864. Died Dec. 9, 1908.

Thomas James Crowther, born October 10, 1868. Died June 29, 1920.

George Crowther the son of John Crowther and \_\_\_\_\_ was born November 18, 1826, in Dorley or Ironbridge near London, England. (In searching the genealogical records we find, Dorley, given as his birth place in his endowment record, is not mentioned on the maps and gazetteers of the British Isles; but Ironbridge, given as his birth place in his sealing record, is an ecclesiastical district or Parish belonging to Madeley in Shropshire, England. There was a great iron bridge built across the river Severn in 1779 and part of the Parish took the name of Ironbridge from the stupendous undertaking.)

There is little known about his father John Crowther or his mother and their family. The most definite information we have of them is given in a letter received from Richard Crowther, written, on September 30, 1888. We reprint the letter in full:—

Pontnewydd Near Newport,  
September 30, 1888.

My Dear Brother:

I hope this will reach you as I have been trying to get your address for many years. I got this through one of the saints that is here on a mission. Now if you are my brother I hope that you will write as soon as you get this for I am the only brother left. They have all gone to their long home. There are two sisters left, Jane and Ann; that is all. The last I heard from them they were well. If this finds you, I will send you all the news in my next letter but it is useless to write some one else all that I want to say to you. But as regards myself I may say that the Lord has blessed me with health so far, for which I thank him, though I have seen some ups and

downs through life up to now. I have, through God's help, overcome them and at the present time I can say that hitherto the Lord has helped me. If you are George Crowther the son of John Crowther of the Parish of Madeley, Shropshire, England, I am your youngest brother Richard Crowther.

And now I hope that I shall not be disappointed and that you are my brother. Hoping that you are alive and well and that your wife and children are well. If I don't see you again on earth I hope to meet you in heaven with those that are gone before.

I will not say any more now but in my next I will tell you all. Believe me, your affectionate brother,

R. Crowther.

Pontnewydd Near Newport, Mammouthshire, England.

P. S. If this should go to the wrong address if you know more Crowthers, please try to let them have it.

Yours, R. Crowther.

There was considerable correspondence carried on over a period of years, but the letter quoted is the only one we can find. This letter was found among some of the things that were being sorted over years after the death of George Crowther.

George received an average education for the time in which he lived in England. As a young man he became interested in the mining industry. Later on he went to Scotland to work in the mines. His education and religious training gave him a keen insight to the real values of life. He was blessed with a sense or consciousness when danger was near, for many times when at work or while eating dinner with the other miners he would get up or move from where he was sitting or working and say to the other men, "I feel like something is going to happen and we had better move from this place." Many times they had just moved a short distance when the roof of the room or a large rock would fall and cover the place where they had been.

He went to Kilberney, Scotland, to work as this was a mining center as well as a manufacturing center for textiles. While here he boarded with a family by the name of Piper. The Pipers were friends of the Wileys. It was here that he met and became acquainted with Janet Wiley, who later became his wife.

Janet Wiley was born October 29, 1825, at Kilberney, Ayrshire, Scotland. She was the daughter of William Wiley and Janet Fife Wiley. Her education was limited to what she got before she went to work in the factory and the studying she did when off work. She went to work in the textile factory at a very early age and continued until she was married. For a more detailed sketch of Janet's life I will quote from a sketch that was written by Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford Munk, a friend of the family.

Across the ocean in Scotland in the city of Kilberney a little girl was born on the 29th of October, 1825. She had very dark brown hair (almost black), blue eyes and was a little under average in height. As a child she was very alert, nothing escaped her quick perception, whether it was in her play with the children or listening to her elders in their conversation. She was also a very patient child keeping all her troubles to herself. In her early life she was a lover of the story of Christ and, therefore, learned to ask him for help. \* \* \* Janet learned to fight her own battles in a quiet way. She went to work in the factory at the age of eight and worked there until she was married.

Her father, William Wiley, was a devoted Christian. The family belonged to the good old Presbyterian Church which was founded by John Knox. His motto was, "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." John was one of the early reformers who taught the people to read the Bible and think for themselves and not depend entirely upon what the priests and Pope taught them. \* \* \* Janet came home one night and told her people about a new doctrine that was being taught. Her father told her that he had had the right to investigate the scriptures



and choose the way he could get the greatest light. "So, now, Janet, I am not going to stand in the way of any of my children having the same privilege." The mother could not at first be persuaded to listen. Soon her elder sister Barbara accompanied her to one of these meetings to hear this new doctrine.

Janet was only about sixteen at this time, but she led the rest of the family to try to understand this new doctrine or new gospel plan. To her it seemed to open up something broader and gave her a clearer light of the plan of salvation. Together the two sisters would tell their father the differences in the points of doctrine as the following: "He said tonight, father, 'A man must be called of God by prophecy and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.' This he proved by the scriptures."

It was not long until their father became interested and would go to hear the Mormon Elders, for they were the men whom Janet had found and listened to. \* \* \* She became convinced that this was a broader explanation of the scriptures than she had ever heard and she joined at the age of sixteen. She was baptised on the 23rd of December, 1841.

Parley P. Pratt opened this branch of the church. It was not long until her father and sister were baptised.

Bro. Wiley was a man of strong willpower, that is he was not led easily one way or the other. He took his time to investigate and when he became satisfied that this was a revelation from heaven he studied all the principles thoroughly. Their doctrine of faith was especially interesting to him. Faith is a principle of power. \* \* \* One day when he was brought home on a stretcher, from work, with his leg very badly broken he asked for the Elders to come and administer to him. He had such great faith that after they had administered to him he could move his foot. Shortly after this his wife joined the church.

Janet was a faithful member of the faith and attended all the meetings whenever it was possible for her to go. Some time after she had joined, at one of the meetings Janet was introduced to a fine, young English boy who had come to work in the mines of Kilburney. This being a coal district as well as a manufacturing town. This boy, George Crowther, had

joined the Mormons before coming here. They became attached to each other and when Janet was twenty years old they were married. They lived in Scotland until their first child, Robena, was born.

Their daughter, Robena, was born January 5, 1850, and during the summer of 1850 they left Scotland and came to the United States. They crossed the ocean in a sail boat and landed in New Orleans that fall. They went up the Mississippi River and joined the saints at St. Louis, Missouri. While they were living in St. Louis their son John William was born (1851). They moved to Alton, Illinois, in the early part of 1852. Soon after they moved there their son John William died. In 1853 their son James was born and he died in 1854 or 1855. From the material we have, the date is indefinite. Their daughter Catherine was born March 11, 1856, at Alton, Illinois.

About this time Israel Evans was organizing a Hand Cart Company of saints to make the trip to Utah. After a great deal of thinking and counseling they decided to join this company. They hesitated to make the trip on account of Janet's physical condition. She had been sick for a long time, finally one morning she said; "George we will go to Utah with Israel Evans and his Hand Cart Company." George told her she was too weak to start on the trip, and her reply to this was; "I will die if we stay here and if we go I will get well." This settled all arguing or hesitancy and they began planning in earnest for the trip.

They left the gathering place of Israel Evans' Hand Cart Company near Alton, Illinois, in June, 1857, and started the long trip across the plains to Salt Lake City. The road was long, rough, sandy, up and down hills, through the hot sun, the wind and rain storms. The

company left some of its members in graves along the road, but Janet Crowther's health began to improve when they started and she made the trip to Salt Lake City in good physical condition. Catherine was fifteen months old and had to be hauled in the cart all the way and Robena who was only seven years old walked as much of the way as she could stand. Through all these months they marched forward and landed in Salt Lake City, September 12, 1857. They were the last of Israel Evans' Hand Cart Company consisting of 154 people and thirty-one hand carts.

They arrived just ahead of the Johnston Army, which, because of falsehoods and misrepresentations, had been sent by the Government to suppress the supposed-to-be, unlawful activities of the Mormons.

One week after they arrived in Salt Lake City President Brigham Young called George to go on guard against the army of Colonel Johnston. He left his wife and babies and went on guard in Echo Canyon. The guard selected several points in front of the army and marched around and around before them. They passed in view with coats on; then with them off; then turned inside out, and in numerous ways they disguised themselves in order to make it appear that they had many more men than they really had.

While this was going on the Church made what in Mormon History is known as the "Big Move." The Mormon families packed up all their belongings, gathered their flocks, and left Salt Lake City for the valleys to the south. A few men were left in Salt Lake City to kindle the straw that was left in the houses in case the army did not keep its promise to Brigham Young to march through the city south to the Jordan Narrows.

Janet Crowther and her two little girls were moved

to Payson. After the guard was disbanded it took George two weeks of constant searching to find his wife and family. They lived in Payson for some time and while there their daughter Elizabeth was born August 15, 1858.

They moved from Payson to Wales, Sanpete Co., Utah, in 1860. George worked in the coal mines there and did some farming and took an active part in the community activities. Their daughter Sarah was born there May 22, 1861. Their son George, Jr., was born April 13, 1863 at Wales.

In 1863 they moved to Moroni. They were no more than settled there when they were called, by President Young, to go to Sevier Co., to help colonize that section. They went to Monroe where, two weeks later, May 14, 1864, their son William John was born. In this place farming and guarding against the Indians was the principal occupation. Three years later, 1867, they were called away from Monroe on account of the Indian War. This was the Black Hawk Indian War.

George Crowther, Bishop Olsen and Walter Barney went to Spring City to see Orson Hyde about moving from Monroe. The day they were to return to Monroe the Indians made an attack on the community. There was great fear for their safety, but it so happened that a Mr. Readhead at Richfield had insisted that they stay at his home over night. This they did against their wishes as they felt that they should get home as quickly as possible. If they had not listened to Mr. Readhead it is quite possible that they would have been killed by the Indians, because the attack was on at the very time they would have been on the road.

Through most of the Indian troubles George was a minute man. Besides driving the pony express he was



called to guard against the Indians at nights and times when not on his regular trips.

During this time of colonization and Indian troubles food was very scarce. The principal articles of food during the spring and summer were thistles, mustard greens, sego roots or bulbs and mushrooms. Most of this was gathered by the children. Janet and her children would pick, card and spin the wool and weave it into cloth for their clothing. The longer fibers were selected



Old Home of George Crowther Family

and twisted into thread to sew the clothing, this was usually the job for Catherine as she was very quick and had nimble fingers. The worn out clothing was cut into strips and woven into carpets and rugs.

They moved from Monroe to Manti where they stayed two months and then moved to Fountain Green where they made their home permanently. Like all other pioneer families they had a few sheep. Janet and



the girls washed the wool, picked and carded it in rolls and wove it. One fall Janet wanted to make cloth for a suit for George and she wanted it extra nice so she colored some of the wool red, then took a portion of black and white. The three colors were mixed in the picking which made it a dark rich color when woven. George was always proud of this suit. Janet and her daughter Catherine, now Mrs. Hans P. Larsen, made forty yards of jeans one winter. Catherine carded all this wool in rolls by hand. Janet was always busy either with helping and cheering the sick or those in trouble.

October 10, 1868, Thomas James was born at Fountain Green.

From this date on the family engaged in farming and stock raising. They were early pioneers in Utah. It was people like them that made possible the wonderful conditions we have in Utah today.

The last few years of George's life were made miserable by the affliction of asthma. He died April 16, 1895 at Fountain Green, Utah.

Janet Wiley Crowther lived nine years longer and was very active to the last. When the children would come to visit with her, she would be busy at her loom, and they would say, "Mother, you do not need to be working like this all the time." She would smile and say; "better wear out than to rust out." And when God called her she left a piece of carpet in the loom not quite finished. She was active to within a few days of her death which came December 22, 1904 at her home in Fountain Green, Utah.

Janet was in word and deed a Pioneer Mother, and when we say a Pioneer Mother it stands for all that is praise worthy, honest, benevolent, courageous, strong of heart and hand. All she asked in return was a clasp of

the human hand. She died as she had lived, a true Latter-day Saint.

Thus closed the activities of George Crowther and his beloved wife Janet Wiley Crowther. The trials and hardships they went through can be appreciated only by those who know pioneer life. In addition there were the extreme dryness of the Utah desert, the Indian troubles, and the falsehoods and misrepresentations which caused the Church and all its members many worries and heart aches. The solving of these problems of life by these pioneers was an outstanding achievement and the world stands indebted to them. When trials were harder they worked harder and when they became almost unbearable they would sing, "Come, Come Ye Saints No Toil Or Labor Fear."

In closing this short account, allow me to say: They died as they had lived true and loyal to their country, their church and their high standards of life. The examples and memories they left for their children and grandchildren can never be forgotten and will ever be an incentive to a higher and cleaner life.

N. B.—

Since writing this sketch the writer made a trip to Monroe, Sevier Co., Utah, and on a monument erected to honor the pioneers he was glad to see, among others, the name of George Crowther on the large bronze plate.

#### ROBENA CROWTHER

Robena Crowther, born Jan. 5, 1850 in Kilberney, Argyshire, Scotland. Died Oct. 1, 1923.

Albert Collard, born Oct. 15, 1846 in England. Died April 16, 1924.

Their Children:

Albert Edward, born Oct. 27, 1870. Died Aug. 15, 1901.

Mary Catherine, born Mar. 18, 1872. Died April 13, 1872.

Janet Eliza, born Mar. 27, 1873. Living in Ogden, Utah.

George William, born Feb. 25, 1875. Died Dec. 31, 1939.

Robena Estella, born Dec. 20, 1877 at Fountain Green, Utah.  
Living in Cowley, Wyo.

Charles Lester, born Jan. 30, 1879. Died Oct., 1937.

Thomas James, born Sept. 29, 1880. Died May 29, 1890.

Sydney Ernest, born Nov. 18, 1882. Living in Huntington,  
Utah.

Harriet Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1884. Living in Huntington, Utah.

John Henry, born Aug. 27, 1886. Died Feb. 15, 1887.

Arthur Clarence, born Feb. 14, 1888. Living.

Vernile, born June 17, 1890. Died, Spring of 1940.

## ROBENA CROWTHER

Robena Crowther was born Jan. 5, 1850 at Kilberney, Ayrshire, Scotland. She was the first child of George Crowther and Janet Wiley. During the summer of 1850 she, with her parents, came to America. They crossed the ocean in a sail boat and landed at New Orleans in the fall. Later they joined the Mormons at St. Louis, then moved to Alton, Ill. When Robena was seven years old, June, 1857, the families crossed the plains with the Israel Evans Hand Cart Company. She walked as much of the way as she could. They arrived in Salt Lake City, Sept. 12, 1857 after a long, tiresome journey.

One week after they arrived at Salt Lake her father was called by President Brigham Young to go on guard against Johnston's Army. During the "Big Move" of the church she with her mother and sister Catherine were moved to Payson, Utah.

They moved from Payson to Wales in 1860; to Morroni in 1863 and were no more than settled there when President Brigham Young called them to help colonize Sevier County. They went to Monroe in 1864. In 1867 they were called away from Monroe on ac-

count of the Indian War. They went to Manti where they stayed two months, then to Fountain Green where they made a permanent home.

Robena did her part as a pioneer girl, fighting pests; gathering greens and roots for food; helping in the fields and the home; spinning yarn; weaving cloth, carpets and rugs. She was very active in church and community affairs.

December 6, 1869, at the age of nineteen years, she and Albert Collard went to Salt Lake City and were married in the Endowment House.

Albert Collard was the son of Edward Collard, born Nov. 16, 1823 in England, died April 12, 1868 at Fountain Green, Utah, and Eliza Marchant, born Feb. 4, 1818 in England, died Oct. 23, 1857 in England. Albert and Robena made their home at Fountain Green until the spring of 1880. While living here they were very active in church and community affairs. Six children were born to them: Albert Edward, born Oct. 27, 1870; Mary Catherine, born March 18, 1872, died April 13, 1872; Janet Eliza, born March 27, 1873; George William, born Feb. 25, 1875; Robena Estella, born Dec. 20, 1877; and Charles Lester, born Jan. 30, 1879.

In 1880 the family moved to Huntington, Emery County, Utah, to commence anew their battles with the desert; to pioneer as they had done in Fountain Green; to fight the pests, drought and everything that goes with pioneering a new barren country—for such it was at that time.

In this their new home they toiled and prospered. The richness of their lives was derived from experiences gained in the "College of Hard Knocks." Albert Collard went on two missions to England for the



L. D. S. Church. The first mission was from 1893 to 1896, and the second from 1912 to 1914. He did some fine missionary work and gathered genealogical records of his father's family. During this time Robena and the children took care of the farm and made the living for the family and helped to keep him on his mission.

Their family increased to twelve children, eight boys and four girls. The children born in Huntington are: Thomas James, born Sept. 29, 1880, died May 29, 1890, at the age of 10 years; Sidney Ernest, born Nov. 18, 1882; Harriet Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1884; John Henry, born Aug. 27, 1886, died Feb. 15, 1887; Arthur Clarence, born Feb. 14, 1888; Vernile, born June 17, 1890.

Most of the life of this family was a struggle such as pioneers in a new country must endure. During all this time they found ample time to attend to their church and civic duties; take part in the joys and sorrows of the family and community. October 1, 1923 Robena died at Ogden, Utah, and was buried in Huntington, Utah. It seems that Albert Collard lost heart because of this separation and on April 16, 1924 died at Huntington, Utah. They died true to their family, their church, their country and the standards of life by which they had lived.

#### ALBERT E. COLLARD

Albert E. Collard, born Oct. 27, 1870. Died Aug. 15, 1901.

Mary Wakefield, born.....

Their children:

Glen Collard, born.....

Rhea Collard, born.....

#### ALBERT E. COLLARD

Albert E. Collard was born Oct. 27, 1870 at Foun-



tain, Green, Utah, the son of Albert Collard and Robena Crowther. He was about ten years old when his parents moved from Fountain Green to Huntington, Emery County, Utah.

Albert was a very industrious boy and, being musically inclined and a very good singer, he was very prominent among his associates and in church and civic functions.

He married Mary J. Wakefield of Huntington. They received their endowments Sept. 25, 1901. They made their home in Huntington, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. They were successful in their chosen occupation.

Their two children Glen and Rhea were born and educated in Huntington. Rhea died about one and one-half years after her father's death.

Albert E. died Aug. 15, 1901 from appendicitis. His wife and children are living in Huntington.

#### MARY CATHERINE COLLARD

Mary Catherine Collard, born March 18, 1872, at Fountain Green, Utah. Died April 13, 1872.

#### JANET ELIZA COLLARD

Janet Eliza Collard, born March 27, 1873, at Fountain Green, Utah. Living in Ogden, Utah.

Married to James Vaughn Leonard, born .....  
..... Living in Ogden, Utah.

Their Children and Children's Children:

Estella Leonard, born ....., married to Alvin Fleming. They have one child, Max Leonard.

Vaughn Leonard, born .....  
Married to Hilda Park.

Clifford Leonard, born ....., married to Vennice Miles.

Yula Leonard, born ....., married to George Osborne. They have one child, Claire.

Verna Leonard, born ....., married to Theodore Nielsen. They have three children, Hal, Virginia and Janet.

Merrill Leonard, born ....., married to Stella Parker. They have one child, Dandra.

La Verda Leonard, born ....., Married to Sherman Nance. They have five children, Ronald, Richard, Karen, James V., and William.

Evelyn Leonard, born ....., married to Edward Von Tobel. They have two children, Sharon and Von.

## JANET ELIZA COLLARD

Janet Eliza Collard was born March 27, 1873 at Fountain Green, Utah, daughter of Albert Collard and Robena Crowther. Janet was about seven years old when her parents moved from Fountain Green to Huntington, Emery County, Utah.

She had some experience in pioneer life in that new country.

Because of her aggressiveness she gained a fair education and an abundance of practical experience. As she grew to womanhood she was very active in the church and community affairs.

Janet married James Vaughn Leonard of Huntington. They received their endowments Oct. 18, 1893.

They made their home in Huntington where they engaged in farming and stock raising. Later they moved on a farm near Ogden, Utah, where they now have their home. They have been very successful in their occupation and active in the church and community.

They have a family of eight children (four girls and four boys) and thirteen grandchildren.

## GEORGE WILLIAM COLLARD

George William Collard, born Feb. 25, 1875, at Huntington, Emery County, Utah. Died Dec. 31, 1939.

Married Margie Elizabeth Rowley of Huntington. They received their endowments.....

Their Children:

William Collard, born June 3, 1905, at Huntington, Utah.

Leland Taylor Collard, born May 17, 1906, at Huntington. Married Etta Howard.

Albert Lynn Collard, born April 22, 1908 at Huntington, married Etta Howard.

Lyle Collard, born.....

Roanna Collard, born April 8, 1911, at Huntington. Married Clyde Johnson.

Jarrold Edward Collard, born July 5, 1913, at Huntington. Married Viola Belnap.

Ora Collard, born July 28, 1915 at Huntington.

Nile Rowley Collard, born June 20, 1917 at Huntington.

May Collard, born Oct. 27, 1919 at Huntington.

Louisa Collard, born Aug. 23, 1921 at Huntington. (10 children.)

## GEORGE WILLIAM COLLARD

George William Collard, son of Albert Collard and Robena Crowther, was born in Huntington, Utah, Feb. 25, 1875. He grew up in Huntington, going to the schools there and taking part in the activities of the church and community. He worked the farm with his father and did other work such as the community had for men to do.

May 20, 1904 he married Margie Elizabeth Rowley. They received the endowments in the Manti Temple.

They made their home in Huntington and went into the farming industry. They were successful in their occupation and enjoyed the association and activities of their family and the community. Their family of six boys and four girls was a great joy and satisfaction to them.

George William had a very agreeable disposition which made a host of friends for him and his family.

Life in this world came to an end for him December 31, 1939, at his home in Huntington, Utah.

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WILLIAM COLLARD

William Collard, son of George William Collard, died June 5, 1905.

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ALBERT LYNN COLLARD

Albert Lynn Collard, son of George William Collard, born May 17, 1906.

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ROBENA ANN COLLARD

Robena Ann Collard, daughter of George William Collard.

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LELAND TAYLOR COLLARD

Leland Taylor Collard, son of George William Collard and Margie Elizabeth Rowley, was born May 17, 1906 at Huntington, Utah.

Jan. 25, 1928, he married Edith Brown at Manti, Utah. She was born Jan. 22, 1908 at Hammond, New Mexico, daughter of Adelbert Brown (born May, 1877 at Orangeville; Utah, died Oct. 17, 1925 at Provo, Utah) and Laura Eliza Guymon (born April 7, 1879 at Fountain Green, Utah).

Their Children:

Leland Blain Collard, born July 11, 1929 at Huntington, Utah.

Klea Collard, born Dec. 21, 1934 at Huntington, Utah.

Lorna Collard, born Jan. 22, 1938 at Huntington, Utah.

Edith Kay Collard, born Sept. 7, 1939 at Huntington, Utah.

Roma Collard, born June 5, 1941 at Huntington, Utah.

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### ALBERT LYNN COLLARD

Albert Lynn Collard, son of George William Collard and Margie Elizabeth Rowley, was born April 22, 1908 at Huntington, Utah.

June 3, 1937 he married Ella Elmeda Howard at Manti, Utah. She was born Dec. 6, 1909 at Huntington, Utah, daughter of Joseph Ernest Howard (born Oct. 29, 1883 at Huntington) and Sarah Elmeda Gardner (born May 9, 1886 at Huntington, Utah, died Nov. 24, 1940 at Huntington Utah).

Their Children:

Le Rene Collard, born Sept. 8, 1938 at Huntington, Utah.

Duane Lynn Collard, born Oct. 25, 1939 at Huntington, Utah.

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### JAROLD EDWARD COLLARD

Jarold Edward Collard, son of George William Collard and Margie Elizabeth Rowley, was born July 5, 1913 at Huntington, Utah.

Nov. 7, 1934 he married Viola Belnap of Blackfoot, Idaho. She was born June 17, 1916, at Kilgore, Idaho, daughter of George Belnap and Laura Edith Loveland.

Their Children:

Joan Collard born Oct. 5, 1936 at Blackfoot, Idaho.

Donna Jean, born March 4, 1939 at Blackfoot, Idaho.

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### LOUISE COLLARD

Louise Collard, daughter of George William Collard



and Margie Elizabeth Rowley, was born Aug. 23, 1921 at Huntington, Utah.

Oct. 19, 1940 she was married to Cliffe Henry Housekeeper of Price, Utah. She like the other members of her family are farmers and stock raisers. They are very religious and active in church and community affairs.

One Child:

Lois Ann Housekeeper, born Dec. 29, 1941 at Blackfoot, Idaho.

### ROBENA ESTELLA COLLARD

Robena Estella Collard, born December 20, 1877 at Fountain Green, Utah. Living at Cowley, Wyoming.

Alma Eugene Johnson, born Nov. 17, 1878 at Manti, Utah. Died Nov. 20, 1936 at Boise, Idaho. His father, Robert Johnson, born Mar. 3, 1849 at Stockport, England; mother Anna Hargaard born April 3, 1855 at Folster, Denmark.

Their Children:

Eugene A. Johnson, born Dec. 2, 1901 at Orangeville, Utah.

Paul Collard Johnson, born July 3, 1903 at Cowley, Wyo.

Margaret Johnson, born April 19, 1905 at Huntington, Utah.

Kenneth W. Johnson, born Sept. 15, 1910 at Cowley, Wyo.

Died Dec. 3, 1910 at Cowley, Wyo.

Aleen Johnson, born April 25, 1912 at Cowley, Wyo. Living in Seattle, Washington.

Tom Collard Johnson, born Feb. 7, 1916 at Cowley, Wyo.

### ROBENA ESTELLA COLLARD

Robena Estella Collard was born Dec. 20, 1877 at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah, daughter of Albert Collard and Robena Crowther. She grew up in Huntington as her parents moved there when she was a small girl.

The education she received there was under pioneer conditions and from her reading and studying at home as she grew older. Stella was always lively and ag-

gressive, very popular and active in both the church and the community.

She married Alma Eugene Johnson of Orangeville, Utah, July 10, 1899 at Huntington, Utah. After their marriage they lived in Orangeville until after their first son, Eugene Alma Johnson was born, Dec. 2, 1901. The living for the family was derived from barbering and working at various jobs.

Later they moved to Cowley, Wyo., where their second child, Paul Collard Johnson, was born, July 3, 1903; then moved back to Huntington where on April 19, 1905, their third child, Margaret Johnson, was born. Again they moved to Cowley, Wyo., where the following children were born: Kenneth W. Johnson, Sept. 15, 1910, died Dec. 3, 1910; Aleen Johnson, April 25, 1912; and Tom Collard Johnson, Feb. 7, 1916.

In Cowley, Wyo., Alma Eugene did farming and other types of work. Frequently he took jobs away from home, and when on a job in Boise, Idaho, he took sick and on Nov. 20 1936 died.

Robena Estella still maintains her home in Cowley, Wyo., and is active in the affairs of her church and community. Margaret and Aleen are both married and have families of their own.

Her son, Tom Callard Johnson, is in the army, serving his country in this the worst of World wars (1942).

### EUGENE A. JOHNSON, JR.

Eugene A. Johnson, Jr., son of Eugene A. Johnson, Sr. and Robena Estella Collard, was born Dec. 2, 1901, at Orangeville, Emery Co., Utah.

Married Mable Tolman of Livingston, Montana, Aug. 18, 1921. She was born May 8, 1900. For a while

after their marriage they made their home at Cowley, Wyoming, where their first child, Kenneth T. Johnson, was born, June 19, 1922. Later they moved to Salt Lake City where another son, Calvin T. Johnson, was born, Feb. 13, 1924.

### PAUL COLLARD JOHNSON

Paul Collard Johnson, son of Eugene A. Johnson, Sr., and Robena Estella Collard, was born July 3, 1903 at Cowley, Wyoming.

He married Miss Florence Mattock at Salt Lake City and after their marriage they made their home in Cowley, Wyo. She was born Nov. 22, 1907. They have the following children: Rodney M., born Feb. 7, 1928; Paula Charleen, born May 15, 1929; and Collard M., born Aug. 25, 1935. All the children were born at Cowley, Wyoming.

### MARGARET JOHNSON

Margaret Johnson, daughter of Eugene A. Johnson, Sr., and Robena Estella Collard, was born April 19, 1905, at Huntington, Utah. April 3, 1930, she married William Foster Bevans of Helena, Montana. He was born May ~~20~~, 1906.

They made their home in Helena, Montana, for some time. Here their first daughter, Virginia Aleen Bevans, was born July 21, 1932. They moved to Boise, Idaho, where their daughter Margaret Ann Bevans was born May 3, 1936.

### KENNETH W. JOHNSON

Kenneth W. Johnson, son of Eugene A. Johnson, Sr., and Robena Estella Collard, was born Sept. 15, 1910, at Cowley, Wyoming. Died Dec. 3, 1910, in Cowley, Wyoming.

## ALEEN JOHNSON

Aleen Johnson, daughter of Eugene A. Johnson, Sr., and Robena Estella Collard, was born April 25, 1912, at Cowley, Wyoming.

Jan. 1, 1934, she married Floyd Nielson McCowan of Glasgow, Mont. He is the son of Floyd Buel McCowan who was born March 24, 1876, at Will County, Ill., and Anna Nielson, born June 19, 1880, at Lolend, Denmark.

After their marriage they made their home in Seattle, Washington.

## Their Children:

Neela McCowan, born June 30, 1938 and Bruce J. McCowan, born July 27, 1939, both at Seattle, Washington.

## TOM COLLARD JOHNSON

Tom Collard Johnson, son of Eugene A. Johnson, Sr., and Robena Estella Collard, was born Feb. 7, 1916 at Cowley, Wyoming.

Feb. 14, 1942 he married Audrie Vance of Glendale, California. It is presumed that his wife Audrie is making her home with her parents there as Tom is in the U. S. Army defending his country in this terrible global war.

## CHARLES LESTER COLLARD

Charles Lester Collard, born Jan. 30, 1879 at Fountain Green, Sanpete County, Utah. Died in October —, 1937.

Mary Annett Robins, born Oct. 27, 1884. Living at Huntington, Utah.

## Their Children:

Verl Collard, born Feb. 6, 1905 at Huntington, Utah.

Lucille, born Oct. 18, 1906 at Castle Gate, Carbon County, Utah.

Charles R., born Mar. 30, 1910 at Huntington, Utah.

Orson Vaunoy Collard, born Nov. 19, 1913 at Huntington, Utah.

Albert Blake, born Dec. 11, 1918 at Huntington, Utah.

Don C., born March 17, 1928 at Huntington, Utah.

### CHARLES LESTER COLLARD

Charles Lester Collard was born in Fountain Green, Utah, Jan. 30, 1879, a son of Albert Collard and Robena Crowther. His parents moved to Huntington, Utah, where as a boy and young man his work and education were similar to that of other pioneer boys of his time. He worked at farming, on the range with the cattle and did some mining in the coal mines of Carbon County, Utah.

Feb. 24, 1908 he married Mary Annett Robins of Huntington, Utah. They made their home in Huntington most of the time where he engaged in farming and stock raising. He frequently spent the winter months in the mining camps of Carbon County and from 1908 to 1912 he made his home at Castle Gate, Utah, where he worked in the coal mines.

Charles Lester and Mary Annett had a family of six children—five boys and one girl. They were known for their dependability and were respected by all who knew them. After an honorable and useful life Charles Lester died in October, 1937, at Huntington, Utah. His widow Mary Annett Collard is now living in Huntington.

### CHARLES R. COLLARD

Charles R. Collard, third child of Charles Lester and Mary Annett Collard, is the only one of their children we have been able to get any record of. He married Bertha Edna Sherman Oct. 16, 1933, of Hunt-



ington, Utah. They have one son, Reynold Collard, who was born April 12, 1934, at Huntington, Utah.

Charles R. is a successful farmer and we understand that his brothers are farmers and stock raisers and that his sister married a farmer. They are all living in or near Huntington. Time will not permit my writing for further information at this time.

### THOMAS JAMES COLLARD

Thomas James Collard was born Sept. 29, 1880 at Fountain Green, Utah. Died May 29, 1890 at Huntington, Utah.

### SIDENY ERNEST COLLARD

Sidney Ernest Collard, born Nov. 18, 1882 at Huntington, Utah. Living at Huntington.

Alta Amelia Hurst, born Dec. 21, 1898 at Joseph, Sevier Co., Utah.

Their Children:

Utana Collard, born Dec. 22, 1925 at Huntington, Utah.

Ina Collard, born Oct. 8, 1936 at Huntington, Utah.

### SIDNEY ERNEST COLLARD

Sidney Ernest was born at Huntington, Utah, Nov. 18, 1882. He was a pioneer boy in that section and received his education in the schools of Huntington. He was a great reader and gained considerable knowledge from this source.

He married Alta Amelia Hurst, the daughter of Samuel Isaac Hurst and Laura Laraine Lott, of Joseph, Sevier Co., Utah. They made their home in Huntington. Farming and stock raising is their occupation. In church and social events of the community they are very prominent.

Their children have been trained and educated

to take their place in the community much the same as the parents were.

They are successful farmers, good church members and leaders in community activities.

### HARRIET ELIZABETH COLLARD

Harriet Elizabeth Collard, born Aug. 14, 1884 at Huntington, Utah. Now has her home there.

David Charles Leonard, born April 26, 1884 at Huntington, Utah. Died.....1942 at Huntington, Utah.

Their Children:

General Leonard, born.....

Collard Leonard, born.....

Ross Leonard, born.....

Hugh

Drew (Twins), born.....

Foster

Farris (Twins), born.....

### HARRIETT ELIZABETH COLLARD

Harriet Elizabeth Collard (commonly known in the family as Bessie) was born at Huntington, Utah, Aug. 14, 1884, daughter of Albert Collard and Robena Crowther. She grew up in Huntington, receiving a common school education and taking an active part in community and church functions.

She married David Charles Leonard of Huntington, Utah. They made their home in Huntington where farming and stock raising was their occupation. In this type of work they were very successful. Church and community functions always found them among the leaders.

....., 1942 she was called upon to part from her husband who died at the home in Huntington. While she still has her home in Hunt-

ington she is at present (Dec., 1942) visiting with some of her children who are living in California.

### JOHN HENRY COLLARD

John Henry Collard, son of Albert Collard and Robena Crowther, was born Aug. 27, 1886 at Huntington, Utah, and died Feb. 15, 1887 at Huntington.

### ARTHUR CLARENCE COLLARD

Arthur Clarence Collard, born Feb. 14, 1888 at Huntington, Utah. As far as is known is living somewhere—none of the family know.

Dora Malinda Allred, born \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_, 1918 at Huntington, Utah.

Their Children:

Dean Collard, born \_\_\_\_\_  
Dexter Collard, born \_\_\_\_\_  
Genevieve Collard, born \_\_\_\_\_  
Teddie Collard, born \_\_\_\_\_  
Roxie Rea Collard, born \_\_\_\_\_

### ARTHUR CLARENCE COLLARD

Arthur Clarence Collard, son of Albert Collard and Robena Crowther, was born Feb. 14, 1888 at Huntington, Utah. He grew up as a farmer and stock-raiser helping his father. He was educated in the schools of Huntington and the school of experience.

Married Dora Malinda Allred of Huntington. They made their home in Huntington. They went into farming and stock raising for themselves and were successful in their work. They had a family of five children, two girls and three boys. They were getting along fine and seemed very happy until 1918 when his wife, Dora Malinda, died. This sorrow had a terrible effect in the family which scattered. They all left Huntington and as far as the other members of the

family, their brothers and sisters, know they are living but do not know where. It seemed that Arthur Clarence just dropped out of existence.

### VERNILLE COLLARD

Vernille Collard, born June 17, 1890 at Huntington, Utah. Died in the spring of 1940 in San Francisco.

Mazy Jorgensen, born.....

Their Children:

Alady Collard, born.....

Vernille Collard, born.....

### VERNILLE COLLARD

Vernille Collard, the youngest son of Albert Collard and Robena Crowther, was born in Huntington, Utah, June 17, 1890. He was educated in Huntington and went into the construction work as a young man, he also did some farming.

Vernille married Mazy Jorgensen and they raised two children—Alady and Vernille.

They lived in Huntington for some time; later they moved to San Francisco. They were active in church and community problems, and he was very efficient in his trade. The last few years of his life were made miserable and sometimes very painful as he suffered from cancer which caused his death in the spring of 1940 at the family home in San Francisco, California.

### JOHN WILLIAM CROWTHER

John William Crowther was born....., 1851, at St. Louis, Mo. He was not very well any of the time and in 1852, when he was about one year old he died at Alton, Ill. (I have been unable to get the month and day of his birth, no one living seems to know.)

## JAMES CROWTHER

James Crowther was born....., 1853, at Alton, Ill. His physical condition seemed to be about the same as his brother John William. Due to the persecutions of the Mormons at this time, with the worry and exposure and other conditions which were forced upon them, it was impossible to get the proper care for the children of delicate health. Thus in 1854 or 1855 he died at Alton, Ill.

## CATHERINE CROWTHER



Catherine Crowther Larsen

Catherine Crowther, born March 11, 1856 at Alton, Illinois. Is living at Manti, Utah.

Her parents: George Crowther, born Nov. 18, 1826 at Dorley or Ironbridge near London, England. Died April 16, 1895 at Fountain Green, Utah.

Janet Wiley, born October 29, 1825 at Kilberney, Ayrshire, Scotland. Died December 22, 1904 at Fountain Green, Utah.

Married to Hans Peter Larsen December 15, 1881 at the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born September 30, 1853 at Gunnerod, Denmark. Died December 8, 1938 at Manti, Utah. His parents were Niels Larsen, born



November 7, 1823 at Gunnerod, Denmark. Died April 9, 1873 at Manti, Utah; and Annie Hansen, born October -----, 1825 at Gunnerod, Denmark. Died May 15, 1902.

Their Children:

Hans Milton Larsen, born September 21, 1882 at Manti, Utah. Died October 28, 1885 at Manti, Utah.

George Niels Larsen, born October 13, 1884 at Manti, Utah. Living at Provo, Utah.

William Wallace Larsen, born June 11, 1886 at Manti, Utah. Living in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Myrtle Larsen, born November 15, 1888 at Manti, Utah. Living at Manti.

Annie Janet Larsen, born August 17, 1890 at Manti, Utah. Living at Wales, Utah.

Robert Morland Larsen, born June 3, 1893 at Manti, Utah. Died March 23, 1909 at Manti, Utah.

Lorin Ward Larsen, born November 10, 1899 at Manti, Utah. Died March 15, 1923 at Manti.

Catherine Crowther was born March 11, 1856 at Alton, Ill., of Mormon parents, who were suffering persecution with the other members of the church there. They were doing all they could to get ways and means to move on to Utah. The time to start came in June, 1857, when they left with a company of Saints under the direction of Israel Evans, who had organized a Hand Cart Company.

Catherine was fifteen months old when they started the long hard march across the plains. She and her sister Robena, who was seven years and five months old at the time of starting, had to have room in the Hand Cart to ride. The load was heavy and had to be pulled through sand and mud, up hill and down hill over a thousand miles to Salt Lake City. Catherine realized the hardships of this trip only when she became old enough to understand it all.

After a three months trip across the plains, they arrived in Salt Lake City, just ahead of the Johnston army. One week after they arrived President Brigham Young called George Crowther to go in Echo Canyon to guard against the army of Colonel Johnston. While he was away the church ordered the "Big Move," as it was called. Janet Crowther and her two little daughters were moved to Payson. When the guard was mustered out it took the husband and father two weeks to find them.

As a little girl Catherine went with her parents from one place to another where her parents were called, by President Young, to go and help colonize. They moved to Wales, Sanpete Co., in 1860; to Moroni in 1863; President Young called them to go to Monroe in May, 1864; in 1867 they were called away from Monroe on account of Indian troubles; they went to Manti, where they stayed for two months and then to Fountain Green where they made a permanent home.

Catherine was now eleven years old and had to do her part in gathering thistles, mustard greens, sego roots or bulbs and mushrooms to be used for food for the family. She would fight the grasshoppers and do work around her home. Her fingers were nimble so she was assigned the task of selecting the long fibers of wool and twisting them into threads to sew the clothing they made from cloth woven by her mother.

Her education was such as could be obtained from the schools of that time. The school terms were short and the curriculum consisted principally of the three R's (reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic). In these she did well and, with the practical experience gained through the "College of Hard Knocks," she became fairly well educated.

As a young woman she would help spin and weave, cook and sew, work in the gardens and fields with her father, help neighbors in sickness and need of assistance. She was very active in church and civic affairs. As a girl she was known for her ability to make and hold friends because she believed and practiced fair play to all—a quality she still has (1942).

She met and kept company with Hans Peter Larsen of Manti for some time; then on Dec. 15, 1881 they journeyed to Salt Lake City where they were married in the Endowment House. This was before the temples were built. After their marriage they made their home in Manti.

Hans Peter Larsen was the son of Niels Larsen and Annie Hansen Larsen of Manti. He with his parents joined the church in 1863 while their home was in Gunnerød, Denmark. After they joined the church his father's people disowned them, and the treatment they received caused them to sell out and move to America.

Han's father had been a captain in the Danish army, and was well fixed financially there. But when he decided, in 1864, to come to America he loaned thousands of dollars to the immigrants coming over at that time. Many of them never repaid the loans because some died on the way or soon after and others never had the money ahead to pay with. The family arrived in Salt Lake City in 1864 and went directly to Manti where his home had been until his death, Dec. 8, 1938.

Hans and Kate, as their friends affectionately called them, settled in Manti. They were very active in church and civic affairs. They did a lot of temple work for

their dead ancestors. Hans spent several years working in the temple.

They engaged in farming and stock raising. Hans was a good farmer and Catherine a very good cook and home maker. Her ability to manage and economize is above the average housewife. They had a family of seven children, five boys and two girls. Hans Milton, born Sept. 21, 1882 at Manti, Utah, died Oct. 28, 1885 of pneumonia at the age of three; Robert Moreland, born June 3, 1893 at Manti, died March 23, 1909 of quick pneumonia; Lorrin Ward, born Nov. 10, 1899 at Manti, died March 15, 1923 of ether pneumonia following an operation for appendicitis. Lorrin Ward was in the service of his country in the world war and at his death his mother's name was added to the list of "Gold Star" mothers.

Catherine is now past 86 years of age and still has that spirit of wanting to help others. Her ideals are the same as always and may be expressed in a few statements as follows: "It is better to suffer wrong than to do wrong." "He who serves is happier than he who receives services." Another aphorism she got from her mother: "I would rather wear out than to rust out." These ideals keep her busy working and thinking, two of the best things a person can do to live and be happy.

### HANS MILTON LARSEN

Hanson Milton Larsen the first child of Hans Peter Larsen and Catherine Crowther, was born at Manti, Utah, Sept. 21, 1882 and died at Manti Oct. 28, 1885, of pneumonia. He was very active and healthy until he contracted the cold that turned to pneumonia and caused his death.

## GEORGE NIELS LARSEN

George Niels Larsen, born Oct. 13, 1884 at Manti, Utah. Living at Provo, Utah.

First married to:

Martha May Block Oct. 14, 1909 in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. She was born May 18, 1886 at Ephraim, Conejos Co., Colorado, died Feb. 29, 1920 at Vernal, Utah, daughter of Christian Jensen Block, born Oct. 4, 1853 at Hals, Denmark, died Nov. 21, 1923 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colo.; and Bolleta Lucy Poulson, born Aug. 19, 1857 at Manti, Utah, died June 23, 1938 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colorado.

Their Children:

George Dale Larsen, born Aug. 4, 1910 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colo. Living at Orem, Utah.

Pauline May Larsen, born October 25, 1911 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colo. Living at Venice, Sevier Co., Utah.

Grant B. Larsen, born Feb. 8, 1914 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colo. Living in Inglewood, California.

Lucy C. Larsen, born Sept. 11, 1917 at Vernal, Uintah Co., Utah. Living in Oregon at present (Oct. 12, 1942.)

Second marriage to:

Jennie Geneva Hanson, March 18, 1926 at the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. She was born June 8, 1900 at Vernal, Uintah County, Utah, living in Provo, Utah. Daughter of Peter Hanson, born March 7, 1862 at Salt Lake City, Utah, died July 20, 1920 at Vernal, Utah; and Sarah Helen Glines, born May 23, 1866 at Cedar Fort, Utah, died May 1, 1934 at Provo, Utah.

Their Children:

Le Nae Larsen, born March 17, 1927 at Roosevelt, Duchesne Co., Utah. Living at Provo, Utah.

Lorrin H. Larsen, born Aug. 26, 1928 at Vernal, Utah. Living at Provo, Utah.

Milton H. Larsen, born Dec. 13, 1929 at Provo, Utah. Living at Provo, Utah.

Gary H. Larsen, born Aug. 16, 1931 at Provo, Utah. Living at Provo, Utah.

Dean Maurice Larsen, born Dec. 11, 1932 at Provo, Utah. Died May 5, 1935 at Provo, Utah. Buried at Vernal, Uintah County, Utah.



Ralph H. Larsen, born March 30, 1934 at Provo, Utah. Living at Provo, Utah.

Suzan Larsen, born Nov. 8, 1936 at Provo, Utah. Died June 5, 1938 at Provo, Utah. (Drowned in an irrigation ditch.)

Don H. Larsen, born April 15, 1939 at Provo, Utah: Living at Provo.

## GEORGE NIELS LARSEN

George Niels Larsen, born Oct. 13, 1884; christened Dec. 14, 1884 by Hans Jensen; baptized Jan. 2, 1893 by Hans Denison; confirmed a member of the L. D. S. Church Jan. 5, 1893 by Peter Westenskow; was ordained to the different offices in the Aaronic Priesthood as he grew up; ordained an Elder May 2, 1906 by President Lewis Andersen and received his endowments in the temple prior to going out in the mission field. He went from Manti May 7, 1906 to Salt Lake City where on May 8th he received final instructions and was set apart for missionary work in the Western States Mission by Apostle Orson F. Whitney, leaving that evening for Denver, the headquarters of the mission. In the mission he labored for a little over thirty-two months, arriving home for Christmas 1908. Later, while living in Sanford, Colo., he was ordained a Seventy.

His education is that gained from the public schools of Manti, high school and college course equivalent to a complete four year college course. Besides this he has passed courses in geology, salesmanship and business. He taught school nineteen years, teaching in grades, junior high and high school. Subjects taught in high school were, English, science, vocations, history and mechanical arts. He taught in the schools of Conejos Co., Colorado, five years; schools of Uintah Co., Utah, twelve years; and in Duchesne Co., Utah, two years.

At the age of seventeen he joined Company F., 1st

Infantry, National Guard of Utah. Served in this organization for thirty-nine months and when mustered out of service held the rank of Second Sergeant.

October 14, 1909, married Martha May Block of Sanford, Colo. The first winter they lived in Manti; moving to Sanford, Colo., in the spring of 1910. While there they had three children born to them: George Dale, Aug. 4, 1910; Pauline May, Oct. 25, 1911 and Grant B., Feb. 8, 1914. During the summer of 1914 they moved to Vernal, Utah; here on Sept. 11, 1917 Lucy C. was born. During the "flu" epidemic his entire family were stricken with the disease. On Feb. 29, 1920 his wife, Martha May died from it.

March 18, 1926 he married Jennie Geneva Hanson of Vernal, Utah. At this time he was teaching in the Duchesne Co. high school. They lived in Roosevelt during the school year, returning to their home in Vernal for the summer months. Two children were born to them while they lived in the Uintah Basin; a daughter Le Nae, March 17, 1927 while at Roosevelt and Lorrin H., Aug. 26, 1928 at Vernal.

In the spring of 1929 they moved to Provo, Utah Co., Utah, where their home is at the present time (1942). The following children were born at Provo: Milton H., Dec. 13, 1929; Gary H., Aug. 16, 1931; Dean Maurice, Dec. 11, 1932, died May 5, 1935 in an epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria; Ralph H., March 30, 1934; Suzan, Nov. 8, 1936 (June 5, 1938 Suzan fell in the ditch north of their home and was drowned); and Don H., born April 15, 1939.

Both marriages were solemnized in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson of the Temple.

Carpentry has been a vocation for the summer months and odd times. After moving to Provo he went in

business with the State of Utah selling merchandise. At present (1942) he is Clerk of District No. 6 of the Utah State Road Commission with offices at Provo.

### GEORGE DALE LARSEN

George Dale Larsen, born Aug. 4, 1910 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colo. Living at Orem, Utah. Son of George Niels Larsen, born Oct. 13, 1884 at Manti, Utah, living at Provo, Utah. His mother is Martha May Block, born May 18, 1886 at Ephraim, Conejos Co., Colo., died Feb. 29, 1920 at Vernal, Utah.

Married Eva Marie Conway on Oct. 6, 1934 at Lindon, by David B. Thorne. She was born May 23, 1915 at Durango, Colorado. (La Plata Co.). Now living in Orem, Utah. Christened Sept. 5, 1915 by Alvory H. West. Her father's name is John Conway, born April 8, 1886 at Silverton, Colorado, living at Salt Lake City, Utah. Her mother's name, Vida Fage, born Jan. 4, 1896 at Lindon, Utah Co., Utah, living in Salt Lake City.

#### Their Children:

Larry Conway Larsen, born Aug. 6, 1939 at Provo, Utah. Living at Orem, Utah, christened Oct. 1, 1939 by Bishop Earl Lewis. Glen D. Larsen, born Feb. 7, 1942 at Provo, Utah, living at Orem, Utah, christened May 3, 1942 by Ray H. Gapemayer. Eva Marie, wife of George Dale was not an L. D. S. member when married. She was converted and baptized Aug. 22, 1937 by George Niels Larsen, confirmed a member of the Church Aug. 22, 1937 by John Brailsford, Jr. George Dale was ordained an Elder May 28, 1939 by Benjamin H. Knudsen, a high priest. (Mr. and Mrs. Conway were married Aug. 8, 1914, at Pleasant Grove, Utah.)

### GEORGE DALE LARSEN

George Dale Larsen, born Aug. 4, 1910 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colorado; christened Sept. \_\_\_\_\_, 1910 by George Niels Larsen; baptized Aug. 31, 1918 by Forest Weeks; confirmed a member of the L. D. S. Church Sept. 1, 1918 by Don B. Colton; ordained a Deacon Jan. 6, 1924 by Ernest Eaton, a teacher, Aug. 2, 1925 by E. J. Winder, a Priest by \_\_\_\_\_,

an Elder, May 28, 1939 by Benjamin H. Knudsen.

He completed the grade school courses in the schools of Uintah School District; graduated from the Uintah high school and took some classes one year at the B. Y. U. He played the cornet and was a member of the B. Y. U. band.

During the depression he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and learned to operate "caterpillars" and other heavy machinery. Then he went to the Pacific States Pipe Plant where he worked about ten years. Here he had a variety of jobs, the last being electrical jobs. Now (1942) he is carpentering at the Geneva Steel plant which is under construction.

Oct. 6, 1934 he married Eva Marie Conway of Pleasant Grove, Utah. On Oct. 6, 1939 their first son, Larry Conway Larsen, was born; then on Feb. 7, 1942 Glen D. was born.

#### PAULINE MAY LARSEN

Pauline May Larsen, born Oct. 25, 1911 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colo., living at Venice, Sevier Co., Utah. Her father, George Niels Larsen, born Oct. 13, 1884 at Manti, Sanpete Co., Utah, living at Provo, Utah. Her mother, Martha May Block, born May 18, 1886 at Ephraim, Conejos Co., Colo., died Feb. 29, 1920 at Vernal, Utah. Married to Reuben W. Buchanan on Sept. 3, 1930 in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. She lives at Venice, Sevier Co., Utah. Reuben's father is Eugene DeLos Buchanan. His mother's name is Elizabeth Watson.

#### Their Children:

Bonnie Jean Buchanan, born June 15, 1931 at Venice, Sevier Co., Utah, christened by Dr. T. R. Gladhill, June 15, 1931.

Jo Ann Buchanan, born April 8, 1936 at Venice, Utah, christened by \_\_\_\_\_.

Jack R. Buchanan, born July 5, 1942 at Richfield, Sevier



County, Utah, christened by Golden Buchanan, July 6, 1942.

### PAULINE MAY LARSEN

Pauline May Larsen was born Oct. 25, 1911, at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colorado; christened Dec. 3, 1911 by George Niels Larsen; baptized Nov. \_\_\_\_\_, 1919 by \_\_\_\_\_; confirmed a member of the L. D. S. Church Nov. \_\_\_\_\_, 1919 by \_\_\_\_\_.

She is very religiously inclined and is active in church and civic affairs; teacher in classes of various organizations of the church and is a leader in dramatics.

Her education was begun in the grade schools of Vernal; graduated from the Uintah high school and from the L. D. S. Seminary course; attended the B. Y. U. one year. Music was one of her favorite subjects and while attending the B. Y. U. she belonged to the symphony orchestra and the band, playing the clarinet.

She was married Sept. 3, 1930 to Reuben W. Buchanan in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. They lived in Salt Lake City about one year after they were married, then they made their home in Venice, Utah, where Reuben took up farming, stock raising and other types of work available including automobile repairing.

They are active in civilian defense projects. Pauline graduated in First Aid work and Reuben belongs to the Home Guard.

#### Their Children:

Bonnie Jean, born June 15, 1931; Jo Ann, born April 8, 1936 and Jack R., born July 6, 1942.

### GRANT B. LARSEN

Grant B. Larsen, born Feb. 4, 1914 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colo., living in Englewood, California. His father, George



Niels Larsen, born Oct. 13, 1884 at Manti, Utah, living at Provo, Utah. His mother, Martha May Block, born May 18, 1886 at Ephraim, Conejos Co., Colo., died Feb. 29, 1920 at Vernal, Utah.

### GRANT B. LARSEN

Grant B. Larsen was born Feb. 8, 1914 at Sanford, Conejos Co., Colo.; christened June 11, 1914 by George Niels Larsen; baptized Nov. 25, 1922 by George Niels Larsen; confirmed a member of the L. D. S. Church Nov. 26, 1922 by George E. Wilkins; ordained a Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_,

a teacher Jan. 8, 1929 by Glen M. Bennion.

He is naturally religious, but as a boy he was rather shy and reserved. He takes part in the church activities where he lives.

He was educated in the grade schools at Vernal and the Provo high school, from which he graduated. Because of the depression he was unable to go to college. However when he entered the North American Air Plant at Englewood, Calif., he took the classes given there; also a special course in an air plant school, here he completed the higher branches of mathematics including mechanical drawing. After graduating from high school he was employed in the Pacific States Pipe plant where he worked four years. There he worked in the pattern department, particularly in the construction of heating stoves. In the spring of 1939 he went to California and was employed in the North American Air Plant. He is still working there (March, 1943). He has worked his way up until he has a head position in the pattern department.

He has always been very considerate and interested in the welfare and happiness of others; very dependable, polite, in fact, he has the qualities that make him loved and respected by all who know him.

## LUCY C. LARSEN

Lucy C. Larsen, born Sept. 11, 1917 at Vernal, Utah, living in Medford, Oregon. Father, George Niels Larsen, born Oct. 13, 1884 at Manti, Utah, living in Provo, Utah. Mother, Martha May Block, born May 18, 1886 at Ephraim, Conejos Co., Colo., died Feb. 29, 1920 at Vernal, Utah.

Married to Donald Eric Hansen July 12, 1941 at San Luis Obispo, Calif., by Major Theodore E. Curtis. Has the rank of Master Sergeant in the U. S. Medical Corps now stationed at Medford, Oregon. His father, David Hansen, born July 21, 1867 at Richfield, Utah, living at Richfield.

## LUCY C. LARSEN

Lucy C. Larsen was born Sept. 11, 1917; christened by Patriarch Harmon Sowards of the Uintah Stake; baptized by Howard Bascomb; confirmed by George Niels Larsen. She attended the grade schools at Vernal, Utah, and finished her junior high and high school work in the Provo schools; attended the B. Y. U. one year; graduated from the Provo Beauty School and practiced for a while in Provo. Later she went to Richfield, Utah, where she worked at beauty culture for more than two years.

July 12, 1941 she was married to Donald Eric Hansen by Major Theodore E. Curtis. The ceremony was performed at the home of Colonel and Mrs. David B. Gotfredson who also gave them the wedding dinner. This was a military wedding, the only man present that did not wear a military uniform was the bride's brother, Grant B. Larsen. Later the division Donald E. Hansen was in was transferred to Los Angeles. Lucy got employment in the North American Air Plant. While here she attended school in nursing and graduated as an army nurse, receiving her uniform. Later they were transferred to Seattle, Washington; then to Medford, Oregon, where they are at present (Dec. 1942).

## LE NAE LARSEN

Le Nae Larsen was born March 17, 1927 at Roosevelt, Utah. Daughter of George Niels Larsen and Jennie Geneva Hanson. She received her grade schooling in the schools of Provo. She is now a student (1942-43) in the Provo high school, having carried all her work thus far with an "A" grade. She is an exceptionally talented musician. She plays the violin with much feeling and is appreciated by church-going people. She also plays for clubs and socials. Le Nae received her grandfather Hanson's famous violin to play, which was made in the year 1654. The summer of 1942 she was employed in a nearby grocery store as clerk and is continuing that work on Saturdays and week days after school is out. She is very quick and efficient in her work, having a pleasing disposition to meet the public. (She was blessed May 1, 1927 by Geo. Niels Larsen. Confirmed a member of L. D. S. Church Mar. 17, 1935.)

## LORRIN H. LARSEN

Lorrin H. Larsen was born August 26, 1928 at Vernal, Utah; son of George Niels Larsen and Jennie Geneva Hanson; blessed Oct. 1928 by George Niels Larsen; baptized a member of the L. D. S. Church by Vaughn D. Spendlove on Feb. 14, 1937; confirmed a member the same day by Vernard Anderson; ordained a Deacon by Lynn A. Nelson June 23, 1940. Lorrin has a very strong initiative to do things, especially is he interested in basketball and other athletic sports in junior high school (1942-43). In the evenings he is employed at a bakery. In the summer time, he is busy picking fruit and doing odd jobs. He is large for his age and is very strong and healthy looking.

## MILTON H. LARSEN

Milton H. Larsen, born Dec. 13, 1929 at Provo, Utah, is the son of George Niels Larsen and Jennie Geneva Hanson, living at Provo, Utah; blessed by George Niels Larsen Mar. 2, 1930; baptized by Marion James Baird and confirmed by T. Quathal Allred on Sept. 11, 1938; ordained a deacon by Halvor Madsen on Dec. 28, 1941.

Milton is a student of the eighth grade (1942-43), plays the cornet, clarinet and at present is playing the bass horn in the band. He plays the cornet with much feeling and is considered very gifted in music. He has been busy in the summer picking fruit, helping in the gardens and doing odd jobs.

## GARY H. LARSEN

Gary H. Larsen was born August 16, 1931 at Provo, Utah. He is the son of George Niels Larsen and Jennie Geneva Hanson. He was blessed by Wm. J. Snow on Nov. 1, 1931; baptized a member of the L. D. S. Church by Reed M. Powell and confirmed by Arlington P. Mortensen on Jan. 14, 1940.

He is a student in the sixth grade and plays the cornet in the band. He is interested in his work and studies—works slowly and quietly but has the staying qualities to succeed. He is very considerate of others, especially does he have a high regard for his parents. He is very lovable and kind. He is busy in the summer time helping with gardens and picking fruit.

## DEAN MAURICE LARSEN

Dean Maurice Larsen, born Dec. 11, 1932 at Provo, Utah, is the son of George Niels Larsen and Jennie Geneva Hanson. He was blessed March 5, 1933 by

Bishop J. M. Jensen; died May 5, 1935 at Provo, Utah, and was buried in the Vernal cemetery. He was a very bright and active boy until he took the scarlet fever which merged into pneumonia and then diphtheria which caused his death.

### RALPH H. LARSEN

Ralph H. Larsen, born March 30, 1934 at Provo, Utah, was blessed by Ed. Rowe August 5, 1934; baptized by Eugene Sylvester Bassett April 12, 1942 and confirmed the same day by Leon Nielson. He is a student in the third grade; of a studious makeup and enjoys his work. He enjoys music and art; is very loving and kind.

### SUZAN LARSEN

Suzan Larsen, born November 8, 1936 at Provo, Utah, is the daughter of George Niels Larsen and Jennie Geneva Hanson. She was blessed by Benjamin H. Knudsen, March 7, 1937; died June 5, 1938 at Provo, Utah, and was buried in the Vernal cemetery. Suzan was a very bright child. She could sing tunes from the time she was eleven months old. June 5, she fell in a ditch north of the family home and was drowned.

### DON H. LARSEN

Don H. Larsen, born April 15, 1939 at Provo, Utah, is the son of George Niels Larsen and Jennie Geneva Hanson. He was blessed by George Niels Larsen Aug. 6, 1939.

Don is a very loving child and inclined to music. He has been able to sing tunes since he was one year old (1942-43).



## WILLIAM WALLACE LARSEN

William Wallace Larsen, born June 11, 1886 in Manti, Utah, living in Salt Lake City, Utah. Father, Hans Peter Larsen, born Sept. 30, 1853 in Gunnerød, Denmark, died Dec. 8, 1938 in Manti, Utah. Mother, Catherine Crowther, born March 11, 1856 in Alton, Illinois, living at Manti, Utah. (Jan. 1943.)

Married to Stephney McAllister on Sept. 1, 1909 in the Manti Temple by President John D. T. McAllister. Father, John D. T. McAllister, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_ at Manti, Utah. Mother, Ann Eliza Wells, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_ Manti, Utah.

## Their Children:

Wallace Max Larsen, born Nov. 23, 1910 at Manti, Utah, living at Manti, Utah.

Jean Larsen, born Nov. 27, 1912 at Manti, Utah, living in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Bessie Larsen, born March 16, 1915 at Manti, Utah, living in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Carol Larsen, born Dec. 22, 1916 at Manti, Utah, living at Manti, Utah.

Verda Larsen, born Dec. 8, 1919 at Manti, Utah, living in Vernal, Utah.

Kirk McAllister Larsen, born Aug. 12, 1921 at Manti, Utah. In the U. S. Navy (Nov. 1942.)

Renaye Larsen, born Dec. 3, 1925 at Silver City, Utah, living in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lorrin Duane, born April 7, 1928 at Silver City, Utah, living in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Garth W. Larsen, born Dec. 7, 1930 at Manti, Utah, living in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## WILLIAM WALLACE LARSEN

William Wallace Larsen was born June 11, 1886 at Manti, Utah. As a boy and young man he was usually found on the farm helping his father with the farming, caring for the horses and cattle at home and on the range. He had followed this occupation and teaming most of the time until the spring of 1942 when he was employed

at Hill Field in Ogden during the construction of the army airplane base. In Sept. 1942 he accepted a position with the Southeast Furniture Co. in Salt Lake City where he is engaged in setting up furniture as it arrives.

He was educated in the grade schools at Manti and graduated from the Manti high school. He does considerable reading and has a wealth of practical experience gained from actual contact with the problems of life as he has had to meet and solve them.

He is very active in church and civic affairs; teaches classes in the various organizations of his Church and helps his family to understand and appreciate the results of right living.

Sept. 1, 1909 he married Stephney Wells McAllister, daughter of John D. T. McAllister and Ann Eliza Wells. Her father was President of the Manti Temple for a number of years.

They have a family of nine children, four boys and five girls. William Wallace is a great home lover and enjoys being home and associating with his family. His children are his richest asset. He strives to teach his children to be industrious, honest, religious and to be good citizens. The example he sets for them is his strongest point in teaching.

#### WALLACE MAX LARSEN

Wallace Max Larsen, born Nov. 23, 1910 at Manti, Utah, living at Manti.

Lucile Bessy, born.....1911, at Manti, Utah.

Their Children:

Lea Rae Larsen, born Jan. 1, 1934 at Manti, Utah.

Gary Larsen, born Nov. 8, 1936 at Manti, Utah.

Myra Larsen, born Mar. 20, 1939 at Manti, Utah.

#### WALLACE MAX LARSEN

Wallace Max Larsen was born in Manti, Utah,

Nov. 23, 1910, son of William Wallace Larsen and Stephney Wells McAllister of Manti. He was schooled at Manti, completing the grades and high school. Worked with his father on the farm, but seemed to be inclined toward business. He worked in the Rite-Way Stores. At present he is working in the parachute factory at Manti.

He married Lucile Bessy Sept. 28, 1932 in the Manti Temple, daughter of Charles A. Bessy and Leah Tuttle of Manti. They made their home in Manti where they are active in the church and community. They have a family of three children, one boy and two girls.

#### JEAN LARSEN

Jean Larsen, born Nov. 27, 1912 at Manti, Utah.

Lawrence Verl Allen, born Oct. 19, 1911 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

#### JEAN LARSEN

Jean Larsen was born at Manti, Utah, Nov. 27, 1912, daughter of William Wallace Larsen and Stephney Wells McAllister of Manti, Utah. She completed the school courses including the high school from which she graduated with high marks. Jean was always a good worker at home, in church organizations and in the community. June 16, 1939 she married Lawrence Verl Allen, son of Orson Allen and Elizabeth J. Russel of Salt Lake City, Utah. Marriage took place in the Manti Temple. After their marriage they made their home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

#### BESSIE LARSEN

Bessie Larsen, born March 16, 1915 at Manti, Utah.

George Smith Hatch, born.....at Koosharem.

Their Children:

Jean Bessie Hatch, born July 4, 1934 at Manti, Utah.

Dean Smith Hatch, born April 27, 1937 at Manti, Utah.  
Karen Hatch, born May 25, 1941 at Manti, Utah.

### BESSIE LARSEN

Bessie Larsen was born in Manti, Utah, March 16, 1915, daughter of William Wallace Larsen and Stephney Wells McAllister of Manti. Bessie received the educational information given in the schools of Manti including the high school courses.

Sept. 6, 1933 she married George Smith Hatch, son of Session Jacob Hatch and Emma Rosetta Delang of Koosharem, Utah. They made their home in Manti, Utah, until the first part of 1942 when he was employed at Hill Field, an army air field near Ogden. They are active members of the L. D. S. Church. Their family consists of one boy and two girls.

### CAROL LARSEN

Carol Larsen was born Dec. 22, 1915 at Manti, Utah, daughter of William Wallace Larsen and Stephney Wells McAllister of Manti, Utah. She was educated in the schools of Manti, graduating from the grades and high school. Later she went to Los Angeles, Calif., where she took a beauty course, after completing this course she worked as a beauty operator at Manti. Because of her nervous temperament she quit beauty work and is now (Jan. 1943) an inspector in the Parachute Factory at Manti, Utah. She, like the other members of the family, is an active member of the L. D. S. Church. She is a talented singer, which helps to place her in the lead in social activities.

### VERDA LARSEN

Verda Larsen, born Dec. 8, 1919 at Manti, Utah.

Theodore Paul Olsen, born June 17, 1916 at Emery, Emery Co., Utah.

## VERDA LARSEN

Verda Larsen, daughter of William Wallace Larsen and Stephney Wells McAllister, was born Dec. 8, 1919 at Manti, Utah. She completed the grades and high school courses of the Manti public schools. As a student she was very popular; prominent in social activities because of her ability to sing.

Aug. 22, 1941 she married Theodore Paul Olsen in the Salt Lake Temple. He is the son of George Theodore Olsen and Elizabeth Segmiller of Emery, Emery Co., Utah. Theodore Paul Olsen is in the Reclamation Service of the U. S. Government. This occupation causes them to move around some; at present (Jan. 1943) they are living at Vernal, Utah.

## KIRK McALLISTER LARSEN

Kirk McAllister Larsen, son of William Wallace Larsen and Stepheny Wells McAllister of Manti, was born in Manti August 12, 1921. Kirk graduated from the grade and high schools of Manti, also junior college at the Snow College. Being very active and athletic, he was one of the leading basket ball players of the Manti high school. After completing school he worked in the local hotel, later accepted a position with the South East Furniture Company of Salt Lake City. He is now in the U. S. Navy, training to participate in the war in defense of his country. He is a talented musician, the cornet being his most used instrument.

## RENAYE LARSEN

Renaye Larsen, daughter of William Wallace Larsen and Stephney Wells McAllister, was born Dec. 3, 1925 at Silver City, Utah. She completed the grade schools



and is now a junior in high school. Her musical ability is best expressed in her singing. She has a very lovable disposition.

### LORRIN DUANE LARSEN

Lorrin Duane Larsen, son of William Wallace Larsen and Stephney Wells McAllister, was born at Silver City, Utah, April 7, 1928. He is a student of the junior high school and plays the cornet.

### GARTH W. LARSEN

Garth W. Larsen, son of William Wallace Larsen and Stephney Wells McAllister, was born at Manti, Utah, Dec. 7, 1930. He is a student in grade school of Salt Lake City, Utah.

### MYRTLE LARSEN

Myrtle Larsen, born Nov. 15, 1888 at Manti, Utah, living at Manti, Utah. Her father, Hans Peter Larsen, born Sept. 30, 1853 in Gunnerod, Denmark, died Dec. 8, 1938 at Manti, Utah. Her mother, Catherine Crowther, born March 11, 1856 in Alton, Illinois, living at Manti, Utah.

Married to Lawrence N. Nelson June 10, 1908 in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson, born Sept. 12, 1886, living at Manti. His father, Friz Emanuel Nelson, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_ at Manti Utah.

His mother, Caroline Domgard, born \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_ at Manti, Utah.

#### Their Children:

Ruth C. Nelson, born June 5, 1909 at Manti, Utah, living at Ephraim, Utah.

Robert Nelson, born May 14, 1911 at Manti, Utah, living at Elsinore, Utah.

Catherine Nelson, born June 9, 1913 at Manti, Utah, living at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Melba Nelson, born March 18, 1915 at Manti, Utah, living at Provo, Utah.

Jennie Lou Nelson, born Sept. 11, 1923 at Manti, Utah, living in Ephraim, Utah.

Gwendolyn Nelson, born July 17, 1925 at Manti, Utah, living in Manti, Utah.

### MYRTLE LARSEN

Myrtle Larsen, born Nov. 15, 1888 at Manti, Utah, daughter of Hans Peter Larsen and Catherine Crowther.

As a girl she was very active and loved the out of doors, and would rather do out door work than the indoor tasks. However, she is very accomplished at cooking and home making. She attended the Manti grade schools, but because of sickness she was prevented from going to high school. She has always taken an active part in religious affairs.

June 10, 1908 she was married to Lawrence N. Nelson in the Manti Temple, President Lewis Anderson pronouncing the marriage ceremony. They made their home in Manti where they are engaged in farming, stock raising and sawmilling.

### RUTH C. NELSON

Ruth C. Nelson, born June 5, 1909 in Manti, Utah, living at Ephraim, Utah. Her father, Lawrence N. Nelson, born Sept. 12, 1886 at Manti, Utah, living at Manti. Her mother, Myrtle Larsen, born Nov. 15, 1888 at Manti, Utah, living at Manti.

Married to Glenn Kelly Stubbs Nov. 23, 1927 in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson, born July 3, 1906 in Sunnyside, Utah, living at Ephraim, Utah. His father, James E. Stubbs, his mother, Martha Elonora Kelly.

Their Children:

Glenn R. Stubbs, born Jan. 10, 1930 in Gunnison, Utah, living at Ephraim.

Grant N. Stubbs, born Feb. 5, 1931 in Gunnison, Utah, living at Ephraim, Utah.

Ray L. Stubbs, born Oct. 28, 1932 in Gunnison, Utah, living at Ephraim, Utah.

Norma Ruth Stubbs, born June 25, 1937 at Gunnison, Utah, living at Ephraim, Utah.

## RUTH C. NELSON

Ruth C. Nelson was born June 5, 1909 at Manti, Utah, daughter of Lawrence N. Nelson and Myrtle Larsen. She has always been very studious and ambitious. Her intellectual capacity was always above the average for her age. The outstanding achievement in her life is her exceptional ability at needle work and fine arts, cooking and home making in its entirety.

She was educated in the Manti schools, completing the grades and high school courses. As a student she was classed as A plus in all her subjects through all her years in school. In church and civic affairs and among her associates she has always been a leader.

Nov. 23, 1927 she was married to Glenn Kelly Stubbs of Gunnison, Utah, in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. For a time they made their home in Gunnison when Glenn was engaged as a clerk in merchandising. Later they moved to Ephraim, Utah, where Glenn is manager of one of the J. C. Penney stores.

## ROBERT NELSON

Robert Nelson, born May 14, 1911 at Manti, Utah, married to Mable Braithwaite of Manti, December 14, 1933 in the Manti Temple, daughter of Robert Martin Braithwaite and Mable Clair Buchanan of Manti, Utah. Mable was born July 17, 1912 at Manti, Utah.

Their Children:

Robert Kay Nelson, born Oct. 12, 1934 at Manti, Utah.

Marilyn Nelson, born Jan. 15, 1937 at Manti, Utah.

## ROBERT NELSON

Robert Nelson was born May 14, 1911 at Manti, Utah, the only son of Lawrence N. Nelson and Myrtle Larsen. Robert has always been a hard worker and a

very good student, completing all the grades and high school with high honors. He has always been active in social, church and civic affairs.

Dec. 14, 1933 he married Mable Braithwaite of Manti. They made their home in Manti where for some time they engaged in farming and stock raising, working with his father. Later he went into the feed milling business at Manti, working for the owner of the mill. In Sept. 1942 they moved to Elsinor, Utah, where he is in the feed milling business for himself.

### CATHERINE NELSON

Catherine Nelson, born June 9, 1913 at Manti, Utah. Married to George Weston Funk of Sterling, June 22, 1933 at her home in Manti by Bishop Gideon Sidwell. He was the son of Andrew Funk and Nora Georgianna Mills of Sterling, Utah, born June 24, 1902 at Sterling.

Their Children:

Betty Lorraine, born Dec. 14, 1936 at Sterling.

Deana, born Sept. 23, 1938 at Sterling.

Judy Darlene, born Oct. 7, 1941 at Sterling, died May 31, 1942 at Sterling, Utah.

### CATHERINE NELSON

Catherine Nelson was born June 9, 1913 at Manti, Utah. She is the daughter of Lawrence N. Nelson and Myrtle Larsen. She has always been of a reserved nature as far as public activity is concerned. When she finished the grades and high school, she much preferred the work of the home. She is of a lovable nature and is respected and admired by all who know her. Because of being reserved, her participation in church and community activities has been rather meager.

June 22, 1933 she was married to George Weston Funk of Sterling. The marriage ceremony was per-

formed by Bishop Gideon Sidwell. They made their home in Sterling where Weston worked at farming, selling goods and at odd jobs. In Jan. 1942 he secured a job in the Small Arms Plant in Salt Lake City. May 31, 1942 their baby daughter Judy Darlene died, after this they moved to Salt Lake City where his work is.

#### MELBA NELSON

Melba Nelson, born March 18, 1915 at Manti, Utah, married to Roy Frank Reid, son of William George Reid and Malinda Anderson of Ephraim, Utah. Roy was born March 15, 1914 at Ephraim.

Their Children:

Charlene Ann Reid, born Aug. 28, 1938 at Ephraim, Utah.

Lawrence Roy Reid, born Feb. 7, 1941 at Holy Cross hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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in the Utah Valley hospital, at Provo, Utah.

#### MELBA NELSON

Melba Nelson was born Mar. 18, 1915 at Manti, Utah, daughter of Lawrence N. Nelson and Myrtle Larsen. Melba has always been a good mixer, she loves society and is a leader in this respect. Her lively disposition has brought her a host of friends. She completed the grade school and high school as a good student. She is a good cook and home maker.

Sept. 27, 1937 she was married to Roy Frank Reid of Ephraim in the City Court House by the justice of the peace in Salt Lake City, Utah. They made their home in Ephraim where Roy was in the cafe business. Later they sold their business and went to selling goods on the road. They moved to Salt Lake City. Later he was employed by the Fuller Construction Company and was put to work at the Geneva Steel Plant which is under construction (1943). They moved to Provo in the spring of 1942 and there bought a home.



## JENNIE LOU NELSON

Jennie Lou Nelson, born Sept. 11, 1923 at Manti, Utah, married to Irvin Peterson of Ephraim, Utah, March 26, 1941 in Manti Temple by President Robert D. Young. Irvin is the son of Arthur Christian Peterson and Myra Jensen Young of Ephraim, Utah.

Their Child:

Joyce Peterson, born Feb. 16, 1942 at Ephraim, Utah.

## JENNIE LOU NELSON

Jennie Lou Nelson was born Sept. 11, 1923 at Manti, Utah, daughter of Lawrence N. Nelson and Myrtle Larsen. Jennie Lou was a good student, completing the grades and three years of high school. She is very popular in society, active in church classes; but when it comes to public activity she is too reserved to take much part. March 26, 1941 she was married to Irvin Peterson of Ephraim in the Manti Temple by President Robert D. Young. They made their home in Ephraim where they are engaged in live stock raising and some farming. They are taking an active place in the church organizations and community affairs. Their first child, Joyce, was born Feb. 16, 1942, at Ephraim.

## GWENDOLYN JUNE NELSON

Gwendolyn June Nelson was born July 17, 1925 at Manti, Utah, daughter of Lawrence N. Nelson and Myrtle Larsen. She is a student in the high school. Has a very pleasing personality and is popular with all the young people. Her activity in church and civic affairs is on the average of young people of her age.

## ANNIE JANET LARSEN

Annie Janet Larsen, born August 17, 1890 in Manti, Utah,

living in Wales, Sanpete Co., Utah. Her father, Hans Peter Larsen, born Sept. 30, 1853 in Gunnerod, Denmark, died Dec. 8, 1938 at Manti, Utah; her mother, Catherine Crowther, born March 11, 1856 at Alton, Illinois, living at Manti, Utah.

Annie Janet was married to Alma M. Thomas May 9, 1928 in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. Alma was born Aug. 30, 1892 at Wales, Utah; his father, Henry R. Thomas, born Aug. 4, 1856 at Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales, died Jan. 15, 1926 at Wales, Utah; his mother, Mary Midgley, born June 17, 1863 at Nephi, Juab Co., Utah, living in Wales, Utah.

### ANNIE JANET LARSEN

Annie Janet Larsen, daughter of Hans Peter Larsen and Catherine Crowther, was born August 17, 1890 at Manti, Utah.

As a girl she was a good student and popular among the young folks of her age. Graduated from the grade schools and went three years to high school. She graduated as a nurse from the Dr. Roberts Nurse School in May, 1918. Served as a nurse from the time of her graduation until 1938. During the "flu" epidemic of 1918 she was very busy day and night helping those who were sick.

May 9, 1928 she was married to Alma M. Thomas of Wales, Utah, son of Henry Richard Thomas and Mary Midgley, in the Manti Temple, by President Lewis Anderson. They made their home in Wales where Mr. Thomas has a farm, coal mine, sheep and cattle.

Sept. 30, 1930 Annie Janet was set apart as Relief Society President of Wales Ward, serving in this capacity for ten years. She is and always has been active in church work, acting as a teacher in Sunday School, Primary and other organizations.

## ROBERT MORLAND LARSEN

Robert Morland Larsen, son of Hans Peter Larsen and Catherine Crowther, born at Manti, Utah, June 3, 1893. He was one of the best natured boys it was anyone's pleasure to meet. He was always ready to grasp every opportunity to accommodate others. Being thoughtful, helpful and considerate of others were his outstanding characteristics. He was a good student in school and a very good worker. He was working for Manti City in the Canyon when he took a cold which developed into quick pneumonia which caused his death two days later, March 23, 1909.

## LORRIN WARD LARSEN

Lorrin Ward Larsen was born Nov. 10, 1899 at Manti, Utah, the son of Hans Peter Larsen and Catherine Crowther.

He was an outstanding student all through his school training in grades, high school and college. He, with two of his most intimate chums, Grant Dyring and Oscar Donalson, because of their exceptional work in the school subjects, were dubbed the three wise men of the high school.

Besides being above the average in intelligence he was very religious and considerate of others, especially was this true in this behavior toward his parents. He was christened Feb. 4, 1900 by Hans Jensen; baptized Nov. 12, 1907 by Louritz Anderson; confirmed Nov. 12, 1907 by John B. Maben; ordained a Deacon Oct. 14, 1912 by Louis C. Kjar, a teacher, Dec. 13, 1914 by Ernest Munk, a Priest, Nov. 27, 1917 by Ernest Madsen. He was ordained an Elder Nov. 9, 1925 and received his endowments by proxy, J. B. Jacobsen per-

forming the ordinance. In 1918 he joined the army and was placed in officers' training. He was about ready to take his place in action when the Armistice was signed. After being mustered out of service he was appointed deputy county clerk which position he held until his death, March 15, 1923, of ether pneumonia following an operation for appendicitis.



Eliza

Robena  
Daughters of George Crowther

Katherine

Sarah

### ELIZABETH CROWTHER

Elizabeth Crowther, born Aug. 15, 1858, at Payson, Utah, died Jan. 19, 1937 at Overton, Nevada, daughter of George Crowther and Janet Wiley Crowther.

Married to James Peter Anderson Oct. 31, 1875 at Moroni, Utah, who was born Nov. 28, 1855 at Salt Lake City, Utah, son of Jens Peter Anderson, born Jan. 4, 1826 at Gamelstrap, Denmark, died Dec. 11, 1910 at Ephraim, Utah, and Rebecca Christian Preese, born July 11, 1818 at Valbye near Copenhagen, Denmark, died Nov. 24, 1866 at Ephraim, Utah. Living in Overton, Nevada.

Their Children:

Janet Rebecca, born April 5, 1877 at Fountain Green, living in Venice, Calif.

James William, born Jan. 24, 1879 at Fountain Green, living in Overton, Nevada.

George Christian, born Nov. 24, 1881 at Fountain Green, Utah, living in Salt Lake City, Utah.

David Edgar, born June 13, 1883 at Fountain Green, living at Venice, Utah.

Thomas Milton, born Dec. 18, 1886 at Fountain Green, living at Overton, Nevada.

Robert Vernon, born July 6, 1889 at Fountain Green, living at Fountain Green.

Mildred Elizabeth, born May 20, 1892 at Fountain Green, living at Overton, Nevada.

Fay Emanuel, born July 10, 1894 at Fountain Green, Utah, living at Overton, Nevada.

Mary Jean, born May 10, 1896 at Fountain Green, Utah, living at Overton, Nevada.

Alvin Glen, born Nov. 12, 1899 at Fountain Green, living at Overton, Nevada.

Linford, born June 6, 1902 at Fountain Green, died Oct. 6, 1902.

Joseph Odel, born Sept. 12, 1903 at Fountain Green, died Oct. 3, 1903.

## ELIZABETH CROWTHER

Elizabeth Crowther was born Aug. 15, 1858 at Payson, Utah; she is the daughter of George Crowther and Janet Wiley Crowther.

When she was two years old her parents moved from Payson to Wales, Sanpete County, (1860); 1863 they moved to Moroni; May 1864 President Brigham Young called them to help settle Sevier County and they located at Monroe; 1867 they were called away from Monroe on account of Indian troubles; they went to Manti for two months then to Fountain Green where they made their home permanently.

Elizabeth was now nine years old and did her part in helping the family in various ways. Her main duty was to help provide food for the family, this she did



by gathering thistles, mustard greens, sego bulbs, mushrooms and assisting in growing gardens and crops.

Her education was on a par with the other young people of that time. The school terms were short. But with plenty of practical work and problems to solve, gave her a wealth of knowledge not gained in the classroom.

As a young woman she was required to take a hand in all kinds of work, in the kitchen, the fields, fighting the grasshopper plagues, assisting neighbors in sickness, and with the production of cloth for clothing, rugs and carpets.

Oct. 31, 1875 she married James Peter Anderson, the marriage ceremony taking place at Moroni, Utah. Later they went to the Temple and had their endowments and sealing work attended to.

They made their home at Fountain Green. Besides having a home in town they had a ranch on Water Hollow three miles north of Fountain Green where they spent a greater part of their time farming, and raising livestock; sheep raising was the principal occupation.

They had a family of twelve children, nine boys and three girls, ten of whom are living (1942).

George Christian lives in Salt Lake City, Robert Vernon lives in Fountain Green, David Edgar at Venice, Utah, and the others live in Overton, Nevada.

The home in Fountain Green and the ranch at Water Hollow were sold and the family moved to Overton, Nevada. Here they bought a store and went into merchandising, farming and stock raising.

After a good, honorable and very useful life of service to her family, the church and the communities where she lived, Elizabeth departed this life Jan. 19,

1937 in her home at Overton, Nevada, and was buried in the local cemetery. Her husband James Peter Anderson and most of his children and grandchildren are living at Overton, Nevada.

### JANET REBECCA ANDERSON

Janet Rebecca Anderson, daughter of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born April 5, 1877 at Fountain Green, Sanpete County, Utah.

June 3, 1896 she married Albert Fredrick Bishoff, son of Jacob Bishoff and Maria Jensen of Fountain Green, Utah. He was born March 26, 1874 at Fountain Green, Utah.

They made their home in Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah, until 1902. While they lived there the following children were born to them: Grace Janet Bishoff, born March 7, 1897; Franklin Albert Bishoff, born April 4, 1899; Ruel Gertrude Bishoff, born June 4, 1901.

Fred Bishoff, as the family called him, was a good carpenter and in 1902 he was persuaded to join a colony of people who were going to settled the the Big Horn country of Wyoming. In the company there were men of nearly all trades, professional people, business men and laborers, principally farmers. They went into the Big Horn country and settled the town of Lovell, Wyoming. There they lived until 1910. While at Lovell, Wyoming, the following children were born to them: Ether Loris Bishoff, March 5, 1903; Elizabeth Maria Bishoff, July 7, 1905; Mildred Erma Bishoff, May 9, 1907; Etta Ethel Bishoff, April 12, 1909.

In 1910 the family moved to Overton, Clark Co., Nevada, where Janet's parents and brothers and sisters had moved. While there the following children were born: Lavon Jean Bishoff, Jan. 3, 1911; Edith Dora

Bishoff, Oct. 6, 1912; Roy A. Bishoff, Aug. 10, 1914.

In 1915 they moved to Shelley, Bingham Co., Idaho, and while there Deloy A. Bishoff was born, Dec. 17, 1916. In 1918 they moved to Moon, Butte Co., Idaho. There Elry A. Bishoff was born April 11, 1919 and he died April 28, 1919. Later on they lost their son Ether Louis who died July 18, 1923 at Moon, Idaho. Again the family moved; this time to Venice, California, where they have their home at present (Jan. 1943).

They have been very useful and active citizens of their church and the communities where they have lived. The family of twelve children, ten of whom are living, have all been honorable citizens.

While the dates of the marriages of their children are not available to the writer, we do have the following information of those who have married.

Grace Janet married Lemuel R. Jeppeson. Franklin Albert married Eva K. Bingham, divorced her Oct 29, 1926, and married Velma Bank, May 1931. Ruel Gertrude married Oscar L. Dodge. Elizabeth Maria married Ray Franklin Hooper; divorced him in 1928 and married Stanley H. Sparks Oct. 8, 1928. Mildred Emma married Neil Rees. Etta Ethel married Arthur G. Pain, who died April 13, 1940; then she married Maurice Rees Oct. 19, 1940. Lavon Jean married Leo Gallup. Edith Dora married Benjamin Harold Scott. Roy A. married Marjorie Mary Carney. Delroy A. is not married and is in the army defending his country in this world struggle.

### JAMES WILLIAM ANDERSON

James William Anderson, son of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born Jan. 24, 1879 at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah.

Married Ellen Josephine Robertson, born May 25, 1881, in Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah, daughter of Nephi Robertson and Eliza Ann Pennington, in the Manti Temple. They made their home in Fountain Green until James' parents, brothers and sisters moved to Overton, Nevada, then they moved there also. His occupation is farming and stock raising. They are active church workers, sober and industrious.

#### Their Children:

James Clyde Anderson, born August 3, 1909 at Overton, Clark Co., Nevada; married to Myrtle Bennett.

Nevada Jean Anderson, born Sept. 6, 1910 at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah; married to Lyle Dee Payne.

Nephi Gleaves Anderson, born January 18, 1912 at Fountain Green, Utah; is in the United States Army.

Eloise Anderson, born Sept. 13, 1914 at Fountain Green, Utah; married to Philip W. Barney.

Garner Anderson, born Aug. 26, 1916 at Fountain Green, Utah. He, too, is in the United States Army defending his country in this world conflict.

Wilma Anderson, born Aug. 24, 1918 at Fountain Green, Utah; married to James F. Pace.

Winona Anderson, born Nov. 7, 1932 at Overton, Clark Co., Nevada; married to Loyde Whiting.

### GEORGE CHRISTIAN ANDERSON

George Christian Anderson, son of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born in Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah, Nov. 24, 1881. He was raised on the farm and sheep ranch. He attended school and received an average education. Is a zealous church worker. As a boy he was advanced from one division of the Aaronic Priesthood to another. Was ordained an Elder June 23, 1900 by A. W. Barentsow; ordained a



Seventy Sept. 10, 1905 by Joseph W. McMurrin; takes part as a ward teacher and active in church welfare work.

June 26, 1901 he married Ida A. Anderson in the Manti Temple, President John D. T. McAllister performing the ceremony. Ida was born July 18, 1882; Christened Sept. 7, 1882 by George Crowther; baptized Dec. 2, 1890 by Arthur Henrie; confirmed a member of the L. D. S. church Dec. 2, 1890 by Horace Thornton in the Manti Temple; worked in the Primary organization for 20 years, two years as president, two years as counselor to the president, six years as secretary, 10 years as a teacher. In the Relief Society she has done some very fine work as a teacher in the work and business class, helping in sickness and securing clothing for people in case of death. She is a graduate nurse and has helped the people of the community in sickness and accidents.

George and Ida made their home in Fountain Green until about 1941, when they moved to Salt Lake City, as he was employed in the Small Arms Plant doing defense work.

#### Their Children and Grandchildren:

George Donald Anderson, born Jan. 24, 1903, married Betty McKnight, daughter of James McKnight, Sept., 1937. She was born March 24, 1910. Their home is in Fountain Green and they have no children.

Ida Leota Anderson, born Jan. 14, 1906, married to Lewis M. Anderson, son of Peter L. Anderson (born Nov. 2, 1865) and Henrietta Peterson Christensen (born Jan. 22, 1873 in Denmark and died Aug. 27, 1923 at Fountain Green), June 13, 1928 in Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. Prominent in Church work.

#### Their Children:



Ida Beverly Anderson, born July 18, 1929 at Mt. Pleasant.

Dona Lucesene Anderson, born April 23, 1931 at Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Lewis Blain Anderson, born Feb. 25, 1933 at Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

George Earldene Anderson, born Aug. 9, 1935 at Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Peter Marvin Anderson, born Sept. 14, 1936 at Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Jerry Lee Anderson, born Oct. 18, 1939 at Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

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Glenda Jean Anderson, born May 16, 1909 at Fountain Green. Married Aug. 17, 1932 to Lowell T. Aiken of Spring City by Bishop Graham at Salt Lake City. He is the son of Joseph H. Aiken and Elizabeth E. Allred. They are active in church work.

Their Children:

Idonna Jean Aiken, born Jan. 24, 1934 at Fountain Green.

Lowell Sheldon Aiken, born Feb. 12, 1937 at Fountain Green.

Max Clair Aiken, born Feb. 20, 1938 at Fountain Green.

George Chrian Anderson, the grandfather, christened all of Glenda's children.

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### LA VIRID JAMES ANDERSON

La Virid James Anderson, born April 15, 1913 at Fountain Green, married Thelma Stanley, daughter of Rubin Vernon Stanley (born Oct. 27, 1890) and Ezetta

Moor Carter (born July 8, 1895) of Nephi, Utah. Later they went to the Manti Temple and had their endowments and were married by President Robt. D. Young. They are active church workers.

Their Child:

Nadean Anderson, was born March 7, 1942 at Payson, Utah and was christened by its grandfather, George C. Anderson.

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Marvin De Loye Anderson, born Sept. 23, 1917 at Fountain Green. Married \_\_\_\_\_ Ruby Lucile Shaw (born Aug. 4, 1918) daughter of Alfred I. Shaw (born March 14, 1879) and Mary E. Haycock, born Nov. 3, 1879) of Nephi, Utah.

They are prominent in church organizations and in the M. I. A. and Boy Scout work.

Their Child:

Shirley Lucile Anderson, was born June 14, 1939 at Nephi, Utah and was christened by her father, Marvin De Loye Anderson.

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## DAVID EDGAR ANDERSON

David Edgar Anderson, son of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born June 13, 1883 at Fountain Green, Sanpete County, Utah. He received a common school education and extensive training in farming and raising live stock.

June 10, 1908 he married Carrie Oldroyd (born Sept. 29, 1882 at Glenwood, Utah) daughter of Isaac R. Oldroyd (born Jan. 18, 1859 at Ephraim, Utah, died June 8, 1939 at Venice, Utah) and Mary Jane Buchanan,

(born Dec. 28, 1862 at Glenwood, Utah, died Nov. 4, 1894 at Glenwood, Utah). They were married in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson.

Since their marriage their home has been in Venice, Sevier Co., Utah. Here they are engaged in farming and stock raising. They are prominent in church and community activities. They have served as officers and teachers in the various organizations of the church. Their family consists of four children, three sons and one daughter, as follows:

Melvin D. Anderson, born May 27, 1909 at Overton, Nevada. Sept. 10, 1931, he married Idonna Sargent, born Nov. 5, 1915 at Richfield, Utah, daughter of James Elliot Sargent (born Oct. 29, 1883 at Marysville, Utah) and Olive Charlotte Hardy (born March 4, 1892 at Sevier, Utah). They were married at Richfield by Wendell Anderson.

Their Children:

Jerry D. Anderson, born Aug. 5, 1937 at Richfield, Utah.

Scott David Anderson, born Mar. 21, 1941 at Richfield, Utah.

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Evan J. Anderson, born Oct. 18, 1911 at Glenwood, Utah. He is interested in farming and live stock raising with his father. He is not married.

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Ellis R. Anderson, born Sept. 25, 1913 at Glenwood, Utah. Jan. 8, 1938 he married Mea Madge Utley (born Mar. 26, 1915 at Sevier, Utah), daughter of Benjamin Hammon Utley (born March 24, 1884 at Sevier, Utah).

Their Children:

Max E. Anderson, born Dec. 23, 1938 at Salina, Utah.

Ray D. Anderson, born Jan. 8, 1941 at Salina, Utah.

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Mary Elizabeth Anderson, born Jan. 18, 1918 at Venice, Utah, died March 6, 1927, at Venice, Utah. Mary Elizabeth was very bright, attractive girl nine years of age at her death, which was a severe shock to her entire family.

David Edgar Anderson, his wife and all his children are very religiously inclined and are prominent in all church and community activities,

### THOMAS MILTON ANDERSON

Thomas Milton Anderson, son of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born Dec. 18, 1885 at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah. He was educated in the schools of Fountain Green and in his participation at farming and stock raising.

Sept. 18, 1912 he married Annie Gertrude Rohner (born Feb. 27, 1894 at Overton, Clark Co., Nevada) daughter of Abraham Jacob Rohner and Annie Louise Edwards of Overton, Nevada. They were married in the Saint George Temple. Their home is in Overton, Nevada where they are engaged in farming and stock raising. They are active in church and community functions.

#### Their Children:

Louise Anderson, born July 12, 1913 at Overton, Clark Co., Nevada; christened Aug. 13, 1913; married to Edward Vril Hickman.

Reva Anderson, born Nov. 15, 1916 at Overton, Nevada; christened June 7, 1917; married to Andrew Kujda.

Viola Anderson, born Sept. 4, 1918 at Overton, Clark Co., Nevada; christened Oct. 6, 1918; married to Thomas Ralph McCleery.

Milton Deloye Anderson, born Nov. 5, 1923, at Overton, Clark Co., Nev.

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## ROBERT VERNOR ANDERSON

Robert Vernor Anderson, son of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born July 6, 1889 at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah. His education consists of the courses of the common schools including some high school work. The greater part of his education is derived from the practical application and his ability to solve the daily problems as they arise in the conduct of his farm and livestock work. He seemed more inclined toward the livestock industry and has devoted most of his time to this work, especially to the raising of sheep.

June 24, 1908 he married Sarah Ethel Anderson who was born April 14, 1891 at Fountain Green. They were married in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. She is the daughter of Ole Christian Anderson, born Aug. 29, 1866 at Moroni, Utah, died Aug. 4, 1905 at the L. D. S. Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Sarah Ann Allred, born Nov. 1, 1869 at Fountain Green. Robert and Ethel are active in church and social affairs.

### Their Children:

Evanelle Anderson, born July 22, 1909 at Fountain Green, Utah. June 7, 1933 she married Glenn Charles Mangelson, who was born Aug. 15, 1906 at Levan, Utah. They were married in the Manti Temple by Joseph E. Anderson. He is the son of Charles Adolph Mangelson, born July 5, 1870 at Brigham City, Utah and Emma Nielson, born Oct. 17, 1879 at Aalborg, Denmark. Evanelle and Glenn live in Levan, Utah where they are



engaged in farming and stock raising. They have two children: Evan Glenn Mangelson, born March 6, 1934 at Levan, Utah and Robert Hal Mangelson, born April 22, 1936 at Levan, Utah.

Verona Lucile Anderson, born March 31, 1912 at Fountain Green, Utah. Aug. 31, 1935 she married Glade D. Hansen. They were married by Bishop Anthony Winters of Fountain Green. Glade D. Hansen was born April 2, 1911 at Fountain Green, the son of Soren Christian Hansen, born Feb. 10 in Denmark, died Jan. 5, 1937 at Bingham Canyon, Utah; and Mary Ann Douglas, born April 26, 1875 at Ephraim, Utah.

Their Children:

Glade Bruce Hansen, born June 13, 1936 at Bingham Canyon, Utah.

Vernor Le Roy Hansen, born Aug. 24, 1938 at Murray, Utah.

Robert Glade Anderson, born July 9, 1918 at Fountain Green. He was blessed Aug. 4, 1918 by A. James Aagard; baptized July 20, 1926 in the Manti Temple by John R. Johnson; confirmed July 20, 1926 by Jacob B. Jacobsen; ordained a Deacon Sept. 14, 1930 by Bishop Osmond Crowther, a Teacher by Ole A. Allred, a Priest by Bishop Irvin Oldroyd, an Elder, Dec. 5, 1937 by Stake President Joseph R. Christiansen of Moroni. He was a member of the Fountain Green band from the age of eleven until he was enlisted in the army. Sept. 24, 1941 he joined the United States Army. During the winter of 1941 he was in training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Here he was promoted to Lance corporal. In the spring of 1942 he was transferred to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and in June, 1942, his regiment was sent to Ireland. As far as his parents know he is with the American Forces in the African campaign.

Robert Vernor Anderson's children have all been very active in educational and church affairs. They all have a high school education. Robert Glade attended college at the Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, one year.

### MILDRED ELIZABETH ANDERSON

Mildred Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther was born May 20, 1892 at Fountain Green, Utah. Mildred was educated in the Fountain Green school and some high school classes. She is very intellectual and industrious, the two outstanding characteristics of her life which have made her a leader in church organizations and community activities.

April 3, 1913 she was married to Joseph Benjamin Robison (born July 11, 1892 at Fillmore, Utah), son of Joseph Hancock Robison and Nellie Hinckley. Their home is in Overton, Clark Co., Nevada where Mr. Robison is engaged in farming and stock raising, while Mildred continues her fine community and church work as well as her home duties. They have a family of seven children and seven grandchildren as follows:

Ione Robison, born April 3, 1914, at Overton, Nevada, married to Stanley J. Bennion.

Their Child:

Stanley Robison Bennion born Nov. 10, 1937 at Independence, Mo.

Rula Robison, born March 21, 1916 at Overton, Nevada, married to Raowl Leavitt.

Their Children:

Harold Ray, born Dec. 27, 1934 at Overton; Diaun, born March 5, 1938 at Las Vegas, Nevada; Tania, born Dec. 28, 1940 at Overton, Nevada.

Arthur Ray Robison, born Oct. 7, 1917 at Overton, Nevada, married Barbara May. They have one child, born March 22, 1942 at Overton, Nevada. ....

Maurine Robison, born Feb. 5, 1919 at Overton, Nevada, married Orson Ross Sanders.

Lenore Robison, born April 14, 1920 at Overton, Clark Co., Nevada, married to John Wittwer.

Ruth Robison, born April 26, 1923 at Overton, Nevada, married to Raowl Leavitt.

Their Children:

Patricia Ann, born May 9, 1941 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Alma Raowl, born March 27, 1942 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Shirley Robison, born Jan. 19, 1930 at Overton, Nevada.

## FAY EMANUEL ANDERSON

Fay Emanuel Anderson, son of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born July 10, 1894, at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah. He, like the other members of the family, was educated in the schools of Fountain Green and at farming and stock raising.

Aug. 3, 1914 he married Carrie Solanda Hanning (born Nov. 10, 1897 at Logandale, Nev.), daughter of Rheinhold Hanning and Heneretta Huntsman. They were married at Las Vegas, Nevada and made their home in Overton, Clark Co., Nevada. Here they are engaged in farming and livestock raising.

Their Children:

Rene Anderson, born March 18, 1915 at Overton, Nevada, christened May -----, 1915, married Margaret Sevey.

Glen H. Anderson, born Jan. 27, 1918, at Overton,

Nevada, christened March, 1918, married Royene La Suer.

Nola Anderson, born Jan. 8, 1923, at Overton, Nevada, christened Feb. 6, 1923, married to Lynn Adams.

Yynford Odell Anderson, born Sept. 7, 1925 at Overton, Nev., christened Nov. 1, 1925.

Phylip Elmo Anderson, born May 16, 1927 at Overton, christened July 3, 1927.

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### MARY JEAN ANDERSON

Mary Jean Anderson, daughter of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther was born May 10, 1896 at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah. She received her education in the schools of Fountain Green and has always been very active in church and community affairs. Home making is perhaps her outstanding qualification.

June 10, 1914 she was married to Clarence Clinton McDonald (born Nov. 1, 1893 at Woods Cross, Utah), son of William Wesley McDonald and Lucinda Emerson of Woods Cross, Utah. After their marriage they made their home in Overton, Nevada, where they are engaged in farming and stock raising. They are very religious and take part in the activities of the church organizations and community affairs. There is one of God's commandments that they have complied with more fully than any other members of the George Crowther and Janet Wiley posterity, and that is to "Multiply and Replenish the Earth," as they have a family of sixteen children.

#### Their Children:

Theone McDonald, born Feb. 14, 1915, married to William S. Petty.

Joseph A. McDonald, born Dec. 13, 1916, christened Feb. 4, 1917, married Norma Hunt.

Gwen McDonald, born Aug., 1918, christened Sept. 1, 1918, married to Jack Willets.

Velda McDonald, born April 7, 1920, christened May 2, 1920, married to Merle Robison.

Clarice McDonald, born Jan. 2, 1922, christened Feb. 5, 1922, married to Walter Hardy.

Glenna McDonald, born Oct. 4, 1923.

Eula McDonald, born Jan. 29, 1926, married to Daniel Turnbaugh.

Eunice McDonald, born May 28, 1928, christened July 1, 1925.

Mary Jean McDonald, born Nov. 14, 1930, christened Jan. 4, 1931.

Clarence Lee McDonald, born May 20, 1932.

Gloria McDonald, born May 6, 1934, christened July 1, 1934.

Alvin Ray McDonald, born July 1, 1935.

Merla McDonald, born Feb. 26, 1937.

James Gerry McDonald, born Jan. 16, 1938, christened May 1, 1938.

Karl Blaine McDonald, born Aug. 19, 1937, christened Jan. 14, 1940.

Beth McDonald, born Nov. 24, 1929, christened Nov. 29, 1929.

All sixteen children were born in Overton, Clark Co., Nevada, and are active Latter-day Saints and are taking their places in the church and community activities according to their ages.

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## ALVIN GLEN ANDERSON

Alvin Glen Anderson, son of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born Nov. 12, 1899 at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah. He was educated



in Ftn. Green and learned farming and stock raising, which is his life's occupation. Taking part in the church organizations and community life was of prime importance to him as a young man and yet is for him, his wife and family today.

----- he married Agnes Campbell Clive (born July 18, 1896 at Salt Lake City), daughter of William Claude Clive and Isabella Stewart Campbell of

----- They made their home in Overton, Clark Co., Nevada, where the following children have been born to them:

William Clive Anderson, born Dec. 15, 1922.

Alvin Clive Anderson, born May 13, 1925.

David Clive Anderson, born Jan. 9, 1930.

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Linford Anderson, son of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born June 6, 1902 at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah, and died Oct. 6, 1902 at Fountain Green.

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Joseph Odell Anderson, son of James Peter Anderson and Elizabeth Crowther, was born at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah, Sept. 12, 1903 and died Oct. 3, 1903 at Fountain Green, Utah.

SARAH CROWTHER

Sarah Crowther, born May 22, 1860, at Wales, Sanpete County, Utah, died August 1, 1925 at Huntington, Utah.

Christian Ottsen, born March 12, 1860 at Fountain Green, Utah, died December 12, 1936 at Huntington, Utah.

Their Children:

Sarah Emery Ottsen, born February 5, 1885 at Huntington, Utah, living at Huntington.

Janet Ottsen, born 1887 at Huntington, Utah.

Barbara Ottsen, born Feb. 25, 1889 at Huntington, Utah.

Leo Ottsen, born March 25, 1891 at Huntington, Utah. Died Feb. 4, 1929 at Huntington, Utah.

Orin Ottsen, born March 8, 1894 at Huntington, Utah.

Wallace Ottsen, born April 6, 1896 at Huntington, Utah.

Ira Ottsen, born Feb. 12, 1904 at Huntington, Utah.

Elma Ottsen, born ----- 1910 at Huntington, Utah. (Her mother was fifty years old at the time of her birth.)

SARAH CROWTHER

Sarah Crowther was born May 22, 1860, at Wales, Sanpete County, Utah. At this time her parents, George and Janet Wiley Crowther, were running a boarding house for the miners who worked in the coal mines there. George was also working in the mines. In 1863, she, with her parents moved to Moroni; they were no more than settled there, when President Brigham Young called her parents to go to Sevier County to help colonize that section. They settled in Monroe. In 1867, they were called away from Sevier County on account of the Indian War. They then settled in Fountain Green where Sarah grew to womanhood, taking her place in the home and community. She attended the schools, worked on the farms and in the home helping to manufacture clothing, carpets and rugs for the family.

December 18, 1878, she was married to Christian Ottsen, the son of Christian Ottsen and \_\_\_\_\_. He was born March 12, 1861 at Fountain Green; his father was born December 14, 1822, in Denmark; his mother was born \_\_\_\_\_.

Sarah and Christian, as the family and their friends chose to call them, were quite young to assume the responsibilities of married life; but they went to work building a home for themselves. Shortly after they were married, they moved to Huntington, Emery County, Utah. They were among the early pioneers of that county, and took up land in the mouth of Huntington Canyon, a few miles out from Huntington.

Christian was a good farmer, energetic and wise in the methods he used in developing his farm. He planted an orchard of a large variety of fruits, numerous types of berries, grapes, melons, hay and grains. While their orchard was growing they raised a large acreage of melons and when they were ready for market he would load them on his wagons and go to the mining district in Carbon County and sell them. When the trees began to bear fruit he sold it and grain to the miners.

Christian was a wise financier and very religious. He was an exceptional provider for his family. His wheat bin always had at least a three years supply for his family. His fame as a farmer, and fruit grower spread through the entire county and people came from afar to buy his products.

They built a fine home and raised nearly everything that could be raised there. No one ever came there and went away hungry. If in real life it can be said: "He lived by the side of the road and was a friend of man," it can be said of Christian Ottsen.

Their family consisted of seven children—three boys

and four girls. Sarah Emery, the first daughter was born February 5, 1885. The others in order of birth were Janet, Barbara, Leo, Wallace, Ira, and Elma. Sarah was fifty years old when Elma was born.

Sarah was busy at her work and had just been out gathering eggs and while returning to the house, she took a stroke which caused her death, August 1, 1925.

Christian went on with his work until December 12, 1936, when death came to him. They both died on their farm near Huntington, and are buried in the local cemetery.

### SARAH EMERY OTTSEN

Sarah Emery Ottsen, daughter of Christian Ottsen and Sarah Crowther, was born Feb. 5, 1885 at Huntington, Utah. She received her schooling in the schools of Huntington. The work at home in the house, on the farm, with fruit, bees, poultry and gardening gave her a fund of knowledge gained by actual contact with the real problems of life. She is religious and industrious and has always taken part in church and community affairs as much as it was possible for her to do so.

Sept. 30, 1903 she was married to William Lewis Marshall (born Sept. 15, 1879 at Orangeville, Emery Co., Utah), son of William Marshall (born Dec. 7, 1857 at San Bernardino, Calif., died Nov. 7, 1938 at Huntington, Utah) and Martha Permila Allen (born May 23, 1859 near Savanah, Missouri, died Feb. 16, 1931 at Huntington) of Huntington, Utah. For a short time they lived in Mohrland, Carbon County, Utah, other than that they have made their home in Huntington, Utah.

They are good church workers. Emery has been connected, as an officer and teacher with the Relief Society for a number of years, and is active in the com-

munity functions. They have two sons in the U. S. Army defending the nation in this Global War. Their family of thirteen children are:

The thirteen children of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall are:

Lila Marshall, born July 12, 1904.

Herbert Lewis Marshall, born Oct. 20, 1906.

Neldon A. Marshall, born Dec. 11, 1908.

Sarah Permelia Marshall, born March 11, 1911.

Len R. Marshall, born Nov. 3, 1913.

Jeneal Marshall, born Dec. 8, 1914.

Calvin Lee Marshall, born Feb. 10, 1917.

Sylvia May Marshall, born May 10, 1919.

William Crowther Marshall, born Nov. 9, 1921.

Lois Marshall, born Dec. 4, 1923.

Dallis E. Marshall, born March 7, 1926.

Melvin John Marshall, born March 21, 1928.

Piccola Marshall, born Nov. 14, 1932.

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### LILAH MARSHALL

Lilah Marshall, daughter of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall, born July 12, 1904 at Huntington, Utah. Jan. 15, 1923 she was married to Morley Burgess (born Sept. 10, 1899 at Huntington, Utah), son of William Harrison Burgess, (born Jan. 22, 1859 at Salt Lake City, Utah) and Mary Ann Davis (born May 15, 1867 at St. John, Utah, died Jan. 22, 1942 at Salt Lake City, Utah, buried at Huntington, Utah) of Huntington, Utah.

Their Children:

Melrose Loyd Burgess, born March 28, 1924 at Huntington, Utah.



Lewis Harrison Burgess, born April 18, 1926 at Huntington, Utah.

Ruby Gerine Burgess, born Nov. 12, 1927 at Mohrland, Utah.

Pearl Elorine Burgess, born Jan. 16, 1929 in Salt Lake City.

Lenn Earl Burgess, born Nov. 21, 1930 at Huntington, Utah.

Betty Bernice Burgess, born Feb. 1, 1932 at Huntington, Utah.

Lavell Morley Burgess, born Dec. 18, 1934 at View, Idaho.

Deral Larell Burgess, born April 16, 1936 at View, Idaho.

Ferrel Dean Burgess born Jan. 28, 1938 at Burley, Idaho.

Elgen Sheldon Burgess, born July 29, 1941 at Calienti, Nev.

### MELROSE LOYD BURGESS

Melrose Loyd Burgess, son of Lilah Marshall and Morley Burgess, born March 28, 1924 at Huntington, Utah. June 22, 1941 he married Bernice Stephens (born April 28, 1925 at Burley, Idaho) daughter of Edmond A. Stephens (born May 9, 1887 at Hufer, Weber Co., Utah, died July 10, 1935 at Burley, Idaho) and Mary Stone (born May 22, 1887 at Wilson, Weber Co., Utah) of Burley, Idaho.

Their Children:

Melrose Edmund Burgess, born May 19, 1942 at Burley, Idaho.

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### HERBERT LEWIS MARSHALL

Herbert Lewis Marshall, son of Sarah Emery Ottsen

and William Lewis Marshall, born Oct. 20, 1906 at Orangeville, Utah. Dec. 14, 1928 he married Geneva Richens (born Nov. 19, 1909) daughter of William Banford Richens (born Feb. 2, 1865) and Eliza Ostler (born Jan. 23, 1869 at Huntington, Utah.)

### Their Children:

Herbert Lewis Marshall, born Aug. 10, 1929 at Hiawatha, Carbon, Co., Utah, died Oct. 24, 1929 at Huntington, Utah.

Dortha Dean Marshall, born Nov. 18, 1931, died Dec. 29, 1931 at Hiawatha, Utah.

Morland Jay Marshall, born April 20, 1933 at Hiawatha, Utah.

Doris Jean Marshall, born Dec. 21, 1934 at Huntington, Utah.

Carol Ann Marshall, born Nov. 14, 1936 at Huntington, Utah.

Eveline Loraine Marshall, born Nov. 11, 1938 at Huntington, Utah.

Peggy Arline Marshall, born Jan. 4, 1940 at Huntington, Utah.

Dixey Raire Marshall, born Sept. 21, 1942 at Huntington, Utah.

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### NELDON ALLEN MARSHALL

Neldon Allen Marshall, son of William Lewis Marshall and Sarah Emery Ottsen, was born Dec. 11, 1908 at Huntington, Utah.

Oct. 24, 1939 he married Lucile Helen Wilson at Rupert, Idaho, born June 2, 1921 at Heyburn, Idaho, daughter of Aaron Wilford Wilson (born March 26, 1893) and Mary Olive Campbell (born April 25, 1898).

They are farmers and very devoted to their work and religion. Sept. 8, 1924 they went to the Logan Temple and had their work attended to. They have no children.

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### SARAH PERMELIA MARSHALL

Sarah Permelia Marshall, daughter of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall, born March 11, 1911 at Huntington, Utah, March 16, 1931, married to Harold Thomas Jensen (born June 29, 1908) son of Thomas M. Jensen (born April 27, 1888 at Goshen, Utah) and Eva I. Francom (born Nov. 1, 1888 at Payson, Utah, died July 8, 1940 at Genola, Utah) of Genola, Utah.

#### Their Children:

Thomas Von Jensen, born April 17, 1933 at Hiawatha, Utah.

Allen M. Jensen, born Feb. 20, 1934 at Hiawatha, Utah, died Feb. 20, 1934, buried at Huntington, Utah.

Reed Theodore Jensen, born Feb. 9, 1936 at Goshen, Utah.

Gene Ray Jensen, born Jan. 27, 1938 at Goshen, Utah.

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### LEN R. MARSHALL

Len R. Marshall, son of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall, born Nov. 3, 1913 at Mohrland, Utah, married Aug. 10, 1935, Ruth Vargas (born Feb. 3, 1913 at Monta Vista, Colo.), daughter of Pablo Vargas (born Aug. 24, 1883 at Monta Vista, Colo.) and Edubigen Maez (born Oct. 21, 1886 at Monta Vista, Colo.) of Roosevelt, Utah.

### Their Children:

Barbara Jane Marshall, born Nov. 17, 1936 at Kemmerer, Wyoming.

Phyllis Marshall, Born Oct. 2, 1938 at Huntington, Utah.

Kenith Len Marshall, born Jan. 3, 1940 at Roosevelt, Utah.

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## JENEAL MARSHALL

Jeneal Marshall, daughter of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall, born Dec. 8, 1914 at Mohrland, Utah, married Oct. 20, 1931 to Benjamin Glen Brady (born Oct. 1, 1905 at Fairview, Utah), son of Marion John Brady (born July 20, 1866 at Mt. Pleasant, Utah) and Selestia Castle Jones (born Dec. 15, 1878 at Huntington, Utah, died Aug. 29, 1937 at Salt Lake City, Utah) of Fairview, Sanpete Co., Utah.

### Their Children:

Beth Brady, born Jan. 7, 1932 at Huntington, Utah.

Glen Brady, born Dec. 1933 at Huntington, Utah.

Edward Brady, born Oct. 24, 1935 at Fairview, Utah.

Clifford Brady, born Sept. 25, 1937 at Huntington, Utah.

Bevon B. Brady, born June 20, 1939 at Huntington, Utah.

Delmont Bud Brady, born Jan. 26, 1942 at Huntington, Utah.

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## CALVIN LEE MARSHALL

Calvin Lee Marshall, son of Sarah Emery Ottsen and

William Lewis Marshall, born Feb. 10, 1917 at Mohrland, Utah. He is single and at present (Jan., 1943) is in the U. S. Army, quartered at Camp Barclay, Texas.

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### SYLVIA MAE MARSHALL

Sylvia Mae Marshall, daughter of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall, born May 10, 1919 at Mohrland, Utah, married June 8, 1936 to Eldon Marshall Judd (born Dec. 10, 1913 at Lehi, Utah), son of Marshall Judd (born Aug. 9, 1891 at Livingston, Tennessee) and Clara Marilla Bushman (born May 1, 1892 at Lehi, Utah) of Lehi, Utah.

Their Children:

Vivian Elaine Judd, born June 19, 1937 at Burley, Idaho.

Phylis Nadine Judd, born Oct. 16, 1939 at Weiser, Idaho.

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### WILLIAM CROWTHER MARSHALL

William Crowther Marshall, son of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall, born Nov. 9, 1921 at Huntington, Utah. He is in the U. S. Army defending his country (Jan. 1943).

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### LOIS MARSHALL

Lois Marshall, daughter of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall, born Dec. 4, 1923 at Huntington, Utah.

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### DALLIS E. MARSHALL

Dallis E. Marshall, son of Sarah Emery Ottsen and



William Lewis Marshall, born March 7, 1926 at Huntington, Utah.

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### MELVIN JOHN MARSHALL

Melvin John Marshall, son of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall, born March 21, 1928 at Huntington, Utah.

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### PICCOLA MARSHALL

Piccola Marshall, daughter of Sarah Emery Ottsen and William Lewis Marshall, born Nov. 14, 1932 at Huntington, Utah.

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### JANET OTTSEN

Janet was born at Huntington, Utah. She is the second child of Sarah Crowther and Christian Ottsen. Other than this I have no record of her and her family.

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### BARBARA OTTSEN

Barbara Ottsen, daughter of Christian Ottsen and Sarah Crowther, was born Feb. 25, 1889 at Huntington, Utah.

March 28, 1907 she was married to Adelbert Marshall at Huntington, Utah. He was born Feb. 6, 1885 at Huntington, Utah, son of William Marshall (born Dec. 7, 1857 at San Bernardino, Calif., died Nov. 7, 1938 at Huntington, Utah) and Martha Permila Allen (born 1859 at Savannah, Missouri, died Feb. 16, 1931 at Huntington, Utah).

They, like the others of the family, are good farmers and faithful church workers.

#### Their Children:

Barbara Marshall, born May 14, 1908 at Huntington, Utah, married to Melvin W. Williamson.

Thill Marshall, born Oct. 28, 1910 at Huntington, Utah, married Estella Jensen. They have five children.

Orthillo Marshall, born Sept. 18, 1912 at Huntington, Utah, married to Melvin Mills.

Eva Marshall, born Nov. 4, 1916 at Huntington, Utah, married to Melvin M. Mills.

Clara Marshall, born Nov. 5, 1918 at Huntington, Utah, married to Walter Thomas, born Nov. 26, 1916.

Bertha Marshall, born Nov. 15, 1920 at Huntington, Utah, married to Herbert Whitmer.

Elma M. Marshall, born March 4, 1923 at Huntington, Utah, married Grant Jensen of Price, Utah. They have two children.

Adelbert Marshall, born May 7, 1930 at Huntington, Utah.

Barbara Jane Marshall, born Dec. 23, 1933 at Huntington, Utah.

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### LEO OTTSEN

Son of Sarah Crowther and Christian Ottsen. Was born March 25, 1861 in Huntington and died Feb. 4, 1929. His wife Elizabeth lives in Salt Lake City.

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### ORIN OTTSEN

Orin Ottsen, son of Christian Ottsen and Sarah Crowther, was born March 8, 1894 at Huntington, Utah. June 6, 1917 he married Ella Lucille Grange in the Salt

Lake Temple. Ella Lucille is the daughter of Ulyses W. Grange (born Nov. 11, 1868 at Springville, Utah) and Margaret Elizabeth Jones (born Oct. 4, 1873 at Heber City, Utah).

Their Children.

Cloe Maxine Ottsen, born May 28, 1918 at Huntington, Utah.

Fred Z. Ottsen, born Sept. 27, 1919 at Huntington, Utah, married Mable Seal Oct. 23, 1941 at Rupert, Idaho.

Beth Lucille Ottsen, born May 28, 1921 at Huntington, Utah, married to William Jackson, June 25, 1942 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Joseph Orin Ottsen, born Feb. 11, 1924 at Huntington, Utah, married Dora Johnson Jan. 11, 1943 in Salt Lake Temple.

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## WALLACE OTTSEN

Wallace Ottsen, son of Chrstian Ottsen and Sarah Crowther, was born April 6, 1896 at Huntington, Utah. He married Dorithy H. Guymon, who was born Nov. 6, 1903. She is the daughter of John Wesley Guymon, and Minnie Nielson. The marriage was performed in the Salt Lake Temple.

Their Children:

Ned and Ted (twins) were born April 11, 1942 and died May 21, 1942 and Oct. 24, 1942 at Huntington, Utah.

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## IRA OTTSEN

Son of Sarah Crowther and Christian Ottsen. He was born Feb. 12, 1904 at Huntington, Utah. Ira is in the U. S. Army; probably in Northern Africa.

## ELMA OTTSEN

Elma Ottsen, daughter of Christian Ottsen and Sarah Crowther was born \_\_\_\_\_, 1910 at Huntington, Utah. She was raised and schooled at Huntington and took a leading part in all activities both of church and community.

May 10, 1930 she was married to Clarence Dean Collard, born March 23, 1909 at Huntington, Utah, son of Clarence Collard (born Feb. 14, 1889 at Huntington, Utah) and Dora M. Allred (born Sept. 27, 1892, died Jan. 31, 1919 at Mohrland, Utah, buried at Huntington, Utah) of Huntington, Utah.

Their Children:

Clifford Dean Collard, born July 14, 1931 at Huntington, Utah.

Leo Bruce Collard, born June 3, 1935 at Huntington, Utah.

Max Leon Collard, born Aug. 26, 1940 at Huntington, Utah.

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GEORGE CROWTHER, JR.

George Crowther, Jr., was born April 13, 1863 at Wales, Utah, the son of George and Janet Wiley Crowther. When he was one year old, President Brigham Young called his parents to go and help colonize in Sevier Co. They settled in Monroe and lived there three years. In 1867 they were called away from Monroe on account of Indian trouble. They moved to Fountain Green where a permanent home was established.

George Jr., grew up as a pioneer boy, doing the various tasks according to his age—helping fight the grasshoppers, gathering food such as mustard greens, etc. As he grew older his work became that of tilling the soil

for the production of food and feed for the cattle which he helped to care for.

He took advantage of every educational opportunity offered to him; this with his practical experience equipped him very well for citizenship. His outstanding quality was his exceptionally good nature, and his thoughtfulness for the comforts of others. In church or community activities he was always prominent, and gained the love and respect of all who knew him. Death came to him in 1888 just as he was in the prime of life and seemingly with such a broad, useful future for him.

### WILLIAM JOHN CROWTHER

William John Crowther, born May 14, 1865 at Monroe, Utah, died Dec. 9, 1908 at Fountain Green, Utah, married Serena Olsen, Oct. 24, 1889 at Fountain Green, by Lars Nielson; she was born Oct. 8, 1867 at Fountain Green, Utah, is living at Fountain Green. Serena's parents: Hans Peter Olsen, born May 30, 1833 at Hoerring Judland, Denmark, died June 23, 1908 in Fountain Green, and Ellen Christena Aagard, born Nov. 28, 1836 at Farrer Judland, Denmark, died March 22, 1922 at Fountain Green.

#### Their Children:

Lorena May Crowther, born July 23, 1890 at Fountain Green, Utah, living at Fountain Green.

Ellen Janet Crowther, born July 8, 1892 at Fountain Green, died Sept. 8, 1940 at Fountain Green.

Virgil William Crowther, born July 13, 1897 at Fountain Green, died Oct. 28, 1908 at Fountain Green, Utah.

Bertha Zetell, born July 22, 1900 at Fountain Green, living at Fountain Green.

### WILLIAM JOHN CROWTHER

William John Crowther was born May 14, 1865 at Monroe, Sevier County, Utah, during very trying times for the settlers of that section, as there were frequent attacks by the Indians. When he was two years old,



President Brigham Young called his parents with the other settlers from Monroe on account of the Indian War. They moved to Manti, then to Fountain Green when they located permanently.

His early life was that of a pioneer. His education was on a par with the other young men of his time. The school terms were short, but the practical education he received from his actual contact with the problems of life with which he had to contend, gave him a valuable education. As a young man he worked with his father on the farm and on the range with the cattle and sheep. He had his share in fighting the grasshoppers and crickets which often threatened to destroy the crops.

Religious and community activities always found him an active participant. Because of his even temper and genuine friendliness he was loved and respected by all who knew him. His outstanding characteristic was his spirit of fair play and the respect he had for the rights of others.

October 24, 1889 he married Serena Olsen, Lars Nielson officiating, at Fountain Green, Utah. She was the daughter of Hans Peter and Ellen Christena Olsen of Fountain Green. They made their home in Fountain Green where he had a farm. Their occupation was that of farming and stock raising, principally in the sheep industry. They continued their church and community activities although in later years he was forced to be away from home a great deal with his sheep.

They had four children, three girls and one boy. Lorena May, Ellen Janet, Virgil William and Bertha Zetell. When their son Virgil William was eleven years old he suffered an attack of pneumonia and died Oct.

28, 1908. This was a hard blow to William John, who at the time was sick with a cold, it seemed that he lost heart in everything; the shock and his physical condition was more than he could master. He continued to feel worse until he was forced to bed. He died Dec. 9, 1908, less than two months after his son Virgil's death. He had suffered some reverses financially, yet taken as a whole he could be classed as successful.

In 1909, Serena went to the Manti Temple and had their Temple work attended to. George Niels Larsen and Brother Lorrin Larsen did the work for William John and Virgil William.

Sorrow came again to Serena when death took her daughter Ellen Janet, Sept. 8, 1940. Ellen Janet left her husband and a family of eleven children. Eight years after William John's death Serena built a brick home on the George Crowther lot where she still lives (Dec. 1942).

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### LORENA MAY CROWTHER

Lorena May Crowther, daughter of William John Crowther and Serena Olsen, was born July 23, 1890 in Fountain Green, Utah. As a young woman she was very active in church, community and educational affairs.

Oct. 26, 1910 she was married to John David Hansen, who was born Feb. 2, 1881 at Fountain Green. The occupation has been farming and sheep raising.

They have a family of three children: Ina was born Aug. 12, 1911; Vernile John was born Oct. 27, 1915; and Harry Montell was born June 23, 1922.

Ina Hansen was married to Harold Jepson Christensen, who was born Jan. 29, 1909. The occupation is

farming and sheep raising. They have three children: Jack Harold, born March 15, 1935; Doyle Kay, born Oct. 5, 1936; and Roger Arden, born May 20, 1939.

Vernile John Hansen and Harry Hansen have been in training in the U. S. Army and are by this time in the battle line defending their country.

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## ELLEN JANET CROWTHER

Ellen Janet Crowther, daughter of William John Crowther and Serena Olsen, was born July 8, 1892 in Fountain Green.

Ella, as the family and her friends called her, was very good natured, friendly and was always ready to help any one in sickness or in circumstances in which they were in need of help.

Sept. 1910 she was married to Wilford Henry Coombs of Fountain Green. He was born April 13, 1889 at Fountain Green, Utah, the son of Joshua Coombs and Sarah Lane Huggins. They followed farming and sheep raising for a living. They received their endowments in the Manti Temple in April, 1923.

### Their Children:

Virgil Wilford, born Jan. 23, 1911; Alonzo DeVer, born April 2, 1912; Morris William, born Jan. 10, 1914; Elwood Joshua, born Jan. 13, 1916; Ellen Veleria, born Nov. 30, 1917; Sarah Ione, born Aug. 11, 1920; DuWaine, born Nov. 29, 1922; Rena Inez, born May 18, 1926; Ken Crowther, born April 1, 1929; Bess E., born June 18, 1932 and Arlene, born Dec. 20, 1935; all were born at Fountain Green, Utah.

After a very useful, self sacrificing life Ellen Janet died Sept. 8, 1940.

Virgil Wilford Coombs is in the U. S. Army fighting for his country in this "World War No. 2."

Alonzo DeVer Coombs married Ila Peterson.

Morris William Coombs married Bessie Sophia Jensen.

Elwood Joshua Coombs married Ruth Lamb.

Ellen Valeria Coombs married Frank Parkins.

Sarah Ione Coombs married La Mont Taylor.

Other members of the family are not married. They are all engaged in farming and stock raising, and take a prominent place in church and community activities.

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### VIRGIL CROWTHER

Virgil Crowther, son of William John Crowther and Serena Olsen, was born July 13, 1897 at Fountain Green, Utah, died Oct. 28, 1908 of pneumonia. He and his father were so attached to one another that his passing took the very life out of his father, who followed him in death Dec. 9, 1908.

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### BERTHA ZETELL CROWTHER

Bertha Zetell Crowther, daughter of William John Crowther and Serena Olsen, was born July 22, 1900 at Fountain Green, Utah. She, like the others of the family, received her education in the schools of Fountain Green and Sanpete County high schools. Her religious training was received through the various organizations of the L. D. S. Church in which she was active.

July 26, 1922, she was married to Lee Clair Coulson, who was born Jan. 28, 1899 at Fountain Green, Utah. He is the son of Francis Coulton and Clara Rowley. His mother Clara Rowley was born May 27, 1876, died Feb. 27, 1929.

J. L. Neilson performed the marriage ceremony, then in March, 1936, they went to the Logan Temple and had their endowments and did some temple work. They engaged in farming and stock raising.

May, 1935, they left Fountain Green, Utah, to make their home in Hazelton, Idaho. They have four children: Lee Junior, born May 22, 1924 at Fountain Green; Lois Claron, born April 23, 1927 at Fountain Green; Virgil, born March 25, 1929 at Fountain Green and Roy Francis, born Aug. 11, 1936 at Hazelton, Idaho.

They are active members of their church and community.

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#### THOMAS JAMES CROWTHER

Thomas James Crowther, born Oct. 10, 1868 at Fountain Green, died June 29, 1920 at Fountain Green, Utah, married Sarah Johanna Peterson, daughter of John Peterson and Ann Johanna Lund Peterson, June 3, 1892 at Fountain Green, Utah, Bishop Christian Christiansen officiating. She was born May 19, 1879 at Manti, Utah, died June 19, 1938 in New Mexico.

##### Their Children:

George Thomas Crowther, born July 19, 1894 at Fountain Green, died Aug. 18, 1895 at Fountain Green.

Etta Sarah Crowther, born April 3, 1896 at Fountain Green, living at Fountain Green.

Leo Crowther, born July 12, 1898 at Fountain Green, died January 3, 1899.

Perry Crowther, born November 25, 1899 at Fountain Green, died April ..... , 1903 at Fountain Green.

Cleo Estella Crowther, born April 15, 1902 at Fountain Green, living at Fountain Green.

Clifford Lund Crowther, born April 15, 1904 at Fountain Green, living at Fountain Green.

Geneva Crowther, born July 24, 1906 at Fountain Green, living at Fountain Green.

Erda Crowther, born Nov. 23, 1909 at Fountain Green, living in New Mexico.



Lorrin Don Crowther, born April 15, 1911 at Fountain Green, living at Fountain Green.

Erma Jean Crowther, born Dec. 14, 1913 at Fountain Green, living at Fountain Green.

### THOMAS JAMES CROWTHER

Thomas James Crowther was born Oct. 10, 1868 at Fountain Green. This was just one year after his parents had established their home permanently. When he was old enough to work the Indian wars were over and the most severe tests of pioneer life there had passed. As a boy he attended school and helped at home and on the farm. He showed a great talent for music and was a leader among his chums in playing musical instruments and singing.

As he grew to manhood he still retained this love for music. He took up the cornet as his favorite instrument and was the leader of both the band and orchestra. He was a member of the band and orchestra or its leader for about 40 years. The church and community had him play in their socials, dances, churches and programs given by various organizations. He was very lively and a good mixer in society, and it has been said many times that he was the life of the party. This love for music continued with him throughout his life.

June 3, 1892 he married Sarah Johanna Peterson of Manti. They were married at Fountain Green by Bishop Christian Christiansen. Sarah, the daughter of John Peterson and Ann Johanna Lund, was born May 19, 1874 at Manti. They made their home in Fountain Green where they engaged in farming and stock raising. They continued to take part in all church and civic activities.

They had a family of ten children—five girls and five boys.

### Their Children:

George Thomas, Etta Sarah, Leo, Perry, Cleo Estella, Clifford Lund, Geneva, Erda, Lorin Don and Erma Jean; six of whom are living (Nov., 1942).

Thomas James would go out shearing sheep in the early spring, this work with his farm gave him a living for his family. While out in one of the shearing camps he ate some tainted food that gave him ptomain poison. He came home June 27, and on June 29, 1920 he departed this life. Sarah continued in her home and lived to see all her children grown and married. While on a visit in New Mexico with her daughter Erda she took sick and departed this life June 19, 1938.

### GEORGE THOMAS CROWTHER

George Thomas Crowther, son of Thomas James Crowther and Sarah Johanna Peterson, was born July 19, 1894 at Fountain Green, Sanpete Co., Utah, died August 18, 1895 at Fountain Green, Utah.

### ETTA SARAH CROWTHER

Etta Sarah Crowther, daughter of Thomas James Crowther and Sarah Johanna Peterson, was born April 3, 1896 at Fountain Green, Utah.

Oct. 2, 1918 she was married to Irvin Victor Rasmussen in the Salt Lake Temple by Joseph Christensen. He was born Sept. 26, 1897 at Fountain Green, the son of Rasmus Rasmussen, (born Dec. 7, 1851 in Denmark, died Dec. 17, 1926 at Fountain Green) and Anna Christensen, (born Oct. 1, 1854 in Denmark, died Aug. 1, 1929 at Fountain Green).

They made their home in Fountain Green where they went into the grocery and mercantile business. They are very active members of the church and community. They have a family of seven children.

### Their Children:

Ruby Rasmussen, born Aug. 25, 1919 at Fountain Green; Victor James Rasmussen, born Jan. 23, 1922 at Fountain Green; Gayle Crowther Rasmussen, born July 26, 1924 at Fountain Green; Joyce Rasmussen, born Jan. 30, 1927 at Fountain Green; Doris Ann Rasmussen, born Dec. 17, 1929 at Fountain Green; Carlyle Lewis Rasmussen, born July 18, 1933 at Fountain Green and Carmille Rasmussen, born July 25, 1937 at Fountain Green.

Ruby was married to Austin Mangelson, Dec. 14, 1940 in the Manti Temple by Robert Young. He was born April 14, 1914 at Levan, Utah, the son of Charles Mangelson and Emma Mangelson of Levan, Utah.

### Their Child:

Austin Kenneth, born Sept. 12, 1941.

Victor James married Kenna Aagard, Feb. 4, 1942 in the Manti Temple, Robert Young officiating. She was born May 3, 1924 in Fountain Green, the daughter of John E. Aagard, (born July 15, 1880 at Fountain Green) and Mary Ellen Ostler, (born Sept. 2, 1880).

The other five children are single. All are active in church and community and are taking every advantage of the educational opportunities of the schools.

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## LEO CROWTHER

Leo Crowther son of Thomas James Crowther and Sarah Johanna Peterson was born July 12, 1898 at Fountain Green, died Jan. 3, 1899 at Fountain Green.

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## PERRY CROWTHER

Perry Crowther son of Thomas James Crowther and

Sarah Johanna Peterson was born Nov. 25, 1899 and died in April, 1903 at Fountain Green.

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### CLEO ESTELLA CROWTHER

Cleo Estella Crowther, daughter of Thomas James Crowther and Sarah Johanna Peterson, was born April 15, 1902 at Fountain Green. She has always been active in church and community affairs. Most of her work has been clerking in a store.

Feb. 11, 1925 she was married to Roy A. Christiansen of Fountain Green, who was born Jan. 29, 1892, the son of Christian John Christiansen, (born April 17, 1855 at Salbery Aurlug, Denmark) and Ellen June Oldrody, (born Nov. 14, 1856 at Ephraim, Utah). They were married at Nephi by Bishop Thomas Bailey.

#### Their Children:

Kenner C., born July 2, 1926; La Rue, born June 17, 1928 and Royce, born Nov. 8, 1931; all were born in Fountain Green. They are engaged in farming and stock raising.

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### CLIFFORD LUND CROWTHER

Clifford Lund Crowther, son of Thomas James Crowther and Sarah Johanna Peterson, was born April 15, 1904 at Fountain Green. At a very early age Clifford showed a great talent for music. He is a good singer and can play a number of musical instruments, the cornet being his choice. He has been both band and orchestra leader for a number of years. This talent has been the means of bringing him in contact with church and civic activities, in clubs, etc.

June 26, 1926 he married Devona May Hansen, who was born May 4, 1907 at Fountain Green. She is the daughter of H. C. Hansen (born Sept. 6, 1861 in Denmark), and Caroline M. Jensen, (born June 19, 1864 at Pleasant Grove, Utah).

Their Children:

Doyce Clifford, born Oct. 22, 1927 and Donnell H., born Aug. 25, 1934. Both were born in Fountain Green, Utah.

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### GENEVA CROWTHER

Geneva Crowther, daughter of Thomas James Crowther and Sarah Johanna Peterson, was born July 24, 1906 at Fountain Green. She is musical and very prominent in social and religious circles. She was a clerk in the store for a few years.

Jan. 5, 1931 she was married to John Elden Christiansen. They were married in Moroni, Utah. John Elden was born Feb. 27, 1901 at Fountain Green, the son of Christian John Christiansen (born April 17, 1855, Salbery, Denmark, died Dec. 26, 1927 at Salt Lake City) and Ellen Jane Oldroyd, (born Nov. 14, 1856 at Ephraim, Utah). Farming and sheep raising is their occupation.

Their Children:

Phyllis, born Oct. 23, 1931 and Leah Jean, born Dec. 24, 1933 at Fountain Green, Utah.

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### ERDA CROWTHER

Erda Crowther, daughter of Thomas James Crowther and Sarah Johanna Peterson, was born Nov. 23, 1909 at Fountain Green. As a girl, Erda was inclined toward



reading and study. This equipped her for literary work and teaching in the various organizations of the church.

Nov. 26, 1930 she was married to Francis Booth Cook in the Manti Temple by President Lewis Anderson. Francis Booth Cook was born June 1, 1910 in Fountain Green, the son of George E. Cook (born Nov. 23, 1871) and Edith Virginia Justensen (born Feb. 9, 1880). They are engaged in farming and sheep raising.

Their Children:

LaNore, born Feb. 12, 1933; JoAnn, born Dec. 14, 1934 and Betty Sue, born Aug. 8, 1938 at Fountain Green.

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## LORRIN DON CROWTHER

Lorrin Don Crowther, son of Thomas James Crowther and Sarah Johannah Peterson, was born April 15, 1911 at Fountain Green, Utah. Farming and stock raising attracted him at an early age and has become his life's work.

June 29, 1937 he married Della Laura Rosquist in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is the daughter of Advin John Rosquist (born Nov. 15, 1886 at Ephraim, Utah) and Margaret Christiana Thompson (born Sept. 29, 1885).

Their Children:

Helen Renie, born Nov. 15, 1938; Thomas Jay, born March 6, 1941 and Margret Joy, born March 6, 1941 at Fountain Green, Utah.

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## ERMA JEAN CROWTHER

Erma Jean Crowther, daughter of Thomas James Crowther and Sarah Johanna Peterson, was born Dec. 14, 1913 at Fountain Green, Utah. She is a lover of

domestic art and home making and gets her greatest delight in this line of activity.

December 29, 1934, she was married to Howard Murel Ivory in the Manti Temple. He was born Aug. 3, 1912 in Fountain Green, the son of Edward Murel Ivory (born Nov. 18, 1885 at Fountain Green) and Mary Elillian Hansen (born Nov. 8, 1884).

Their Children:

Thomas Murel, born Sept. 16, 1935; Maurine, born March 1, 1937; and Mary Johanna, born Jan. 4, 1940.

## INFORMATION

In appreciation for the Gospel of Jesus Christ which was brought to England by the Elders from America of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; which was the cause of bringing our forbears to this land of the free—a land that is choice above all other lands. These blessings we have inherited. This family has responded to defend both our country and church. Thirty-eight members have responded to a call to go on missions to the various parts of the earth; a number have gone back to England, to Germany, to Japan, and others to many states of our Union. Several members of this family went through the first world war, and upward of thirty are now on the battlefield of another war or in the training camps preparing to go.

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” Willingness to bear the cost in time and money to accomplish these ends proves the loyalty and appreciation of our heritage.

We will close our book with the words of the old song:

“Nobly our flag flutters o’er us today  
Emblem of peace, pledge of liberty’s sway;  
Its foes shall tremble and shrink in dismay,  
If e’er insulted it be.

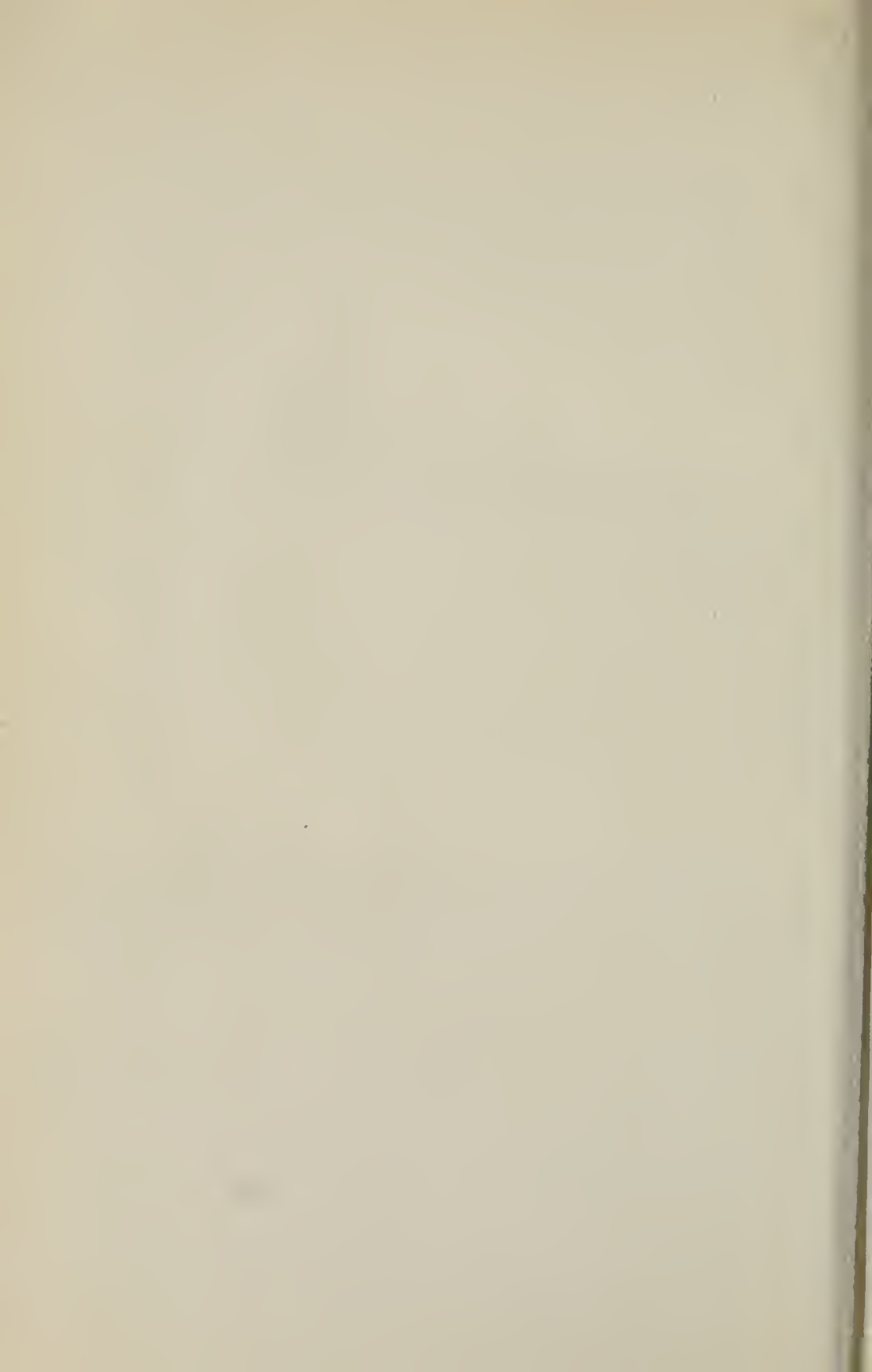
“Our stripes and stars loved and honored by all,  
Shall float forever where freedom shall call;  
It still shall be the flag of the free,  
Emblem of sweet liberty.

“Here we will gather its cause to defend,  
Let patriots rally and wise counsel lend;  
It still shall be the flag of the free,  
Emblem of sweet liberty.”

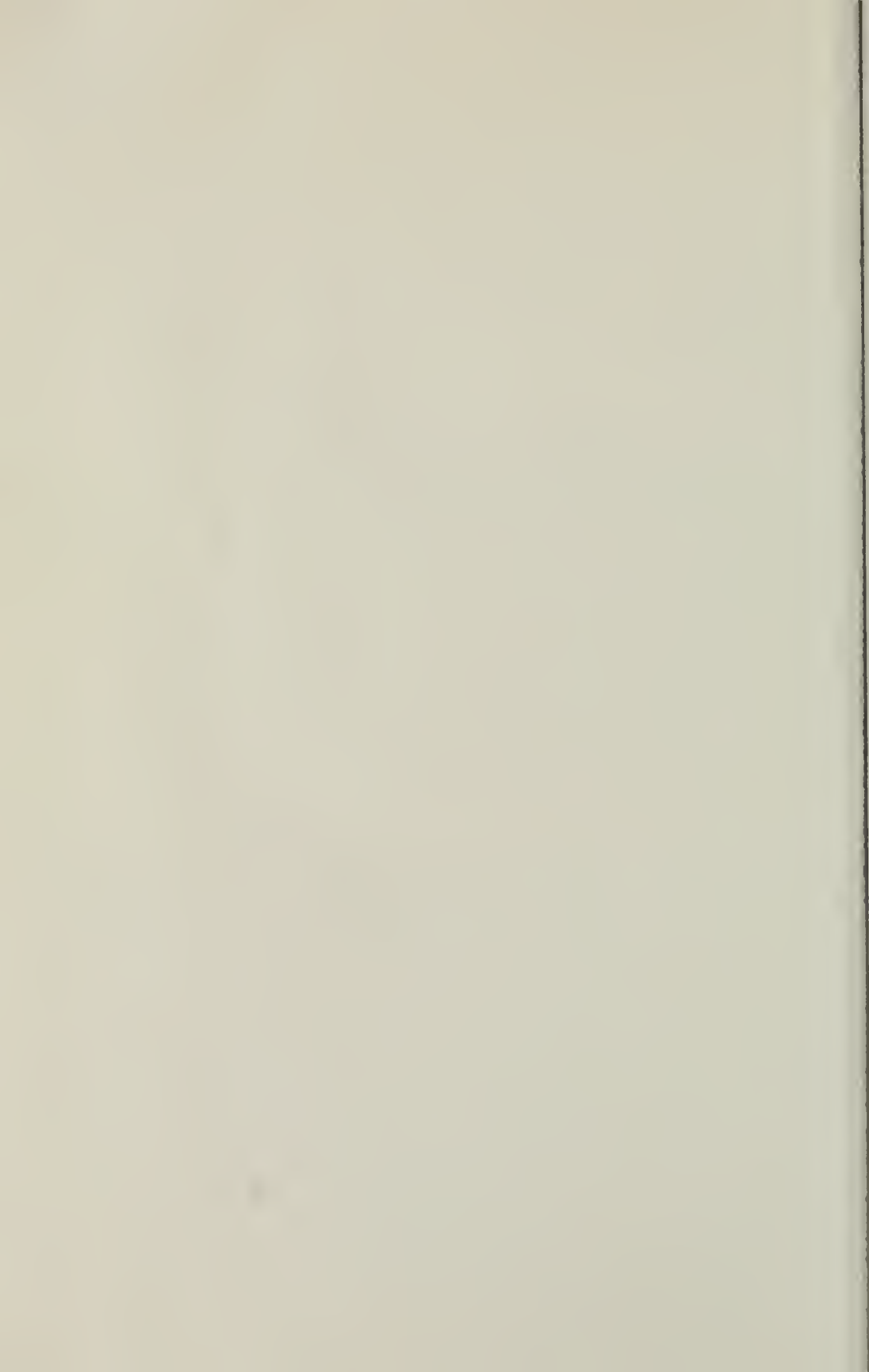


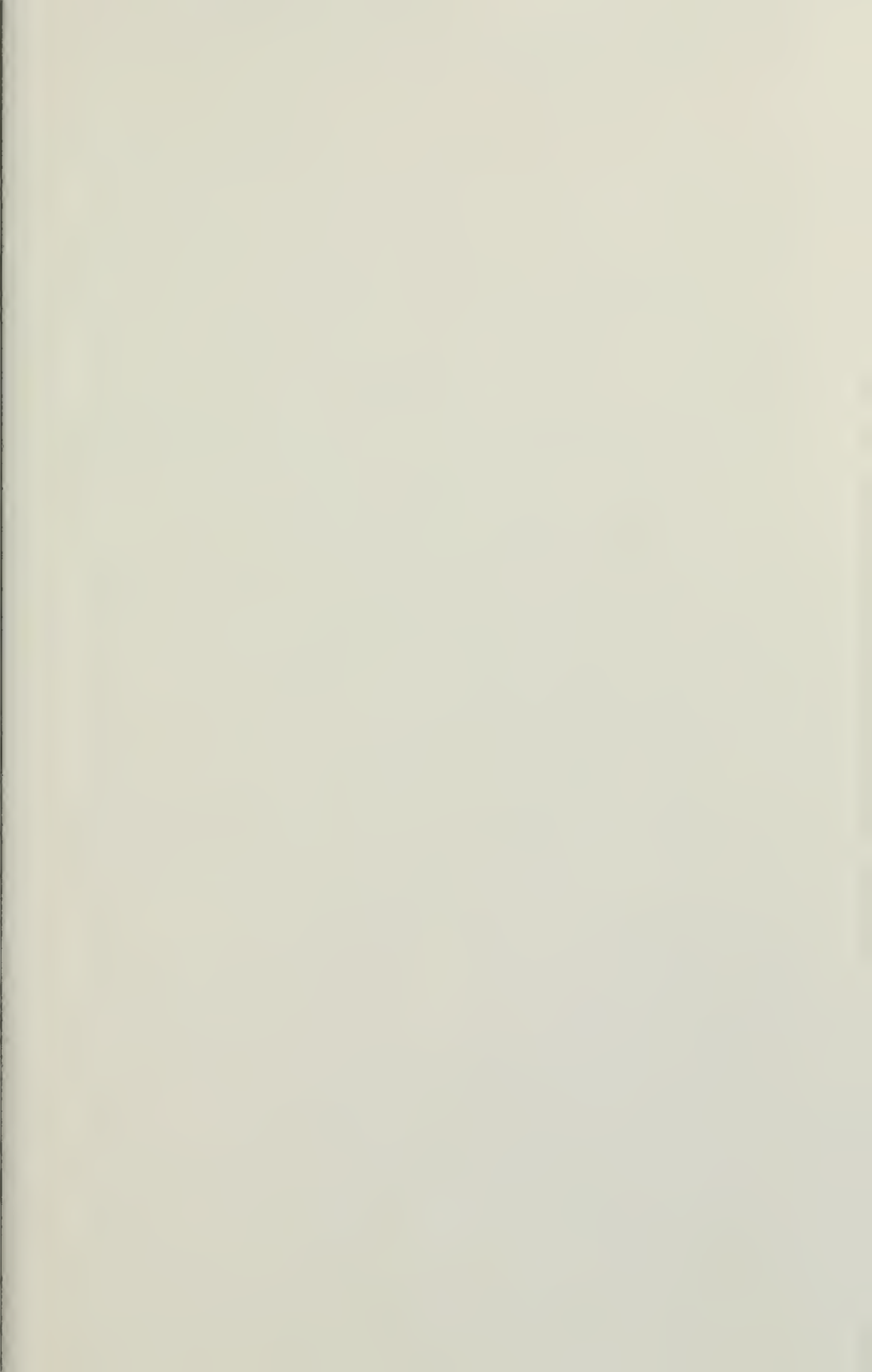






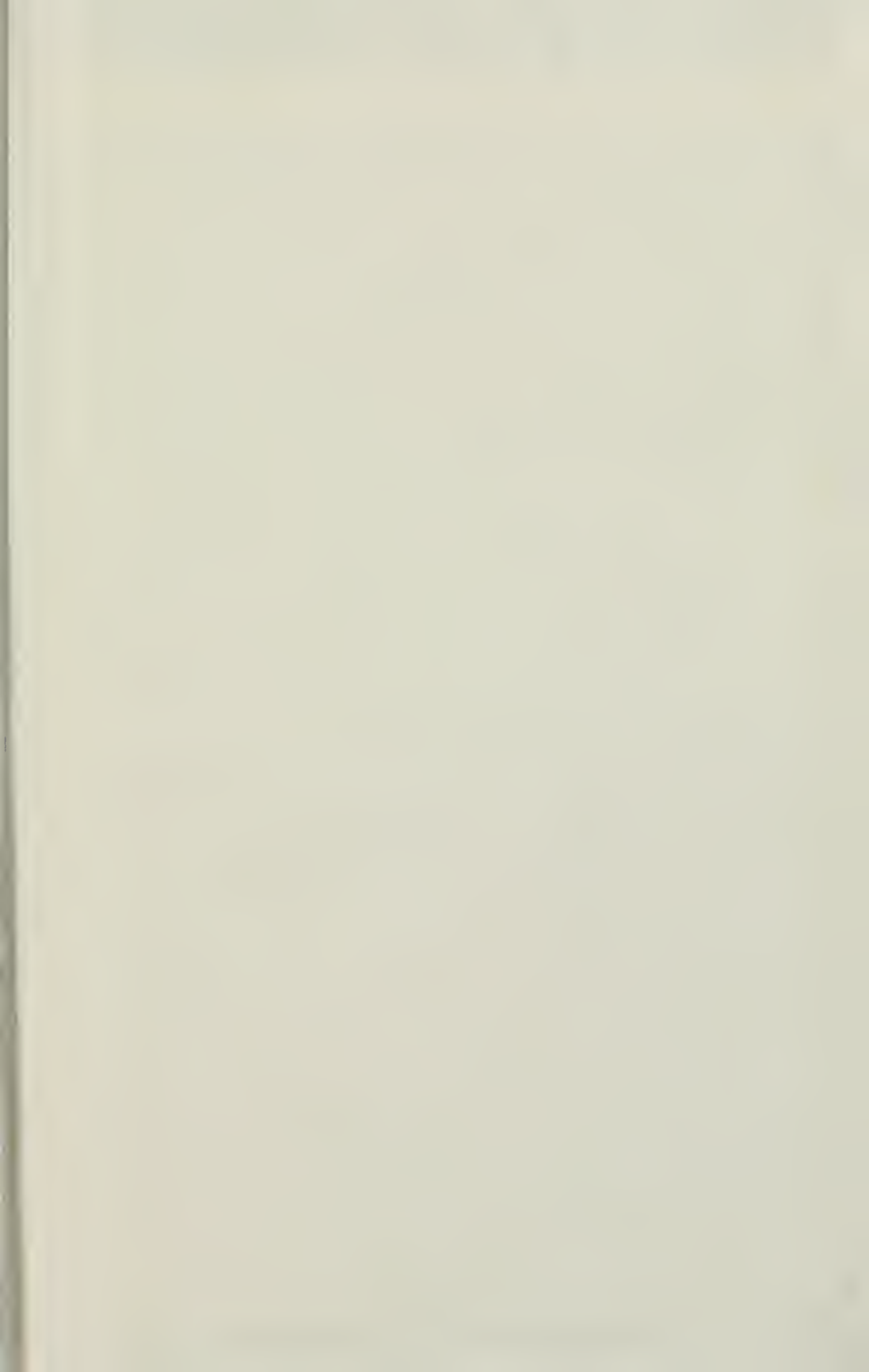














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